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Shelburne		3 06	8 48	5 11
Gilead		3 15	8 59	5 21
West Bethel		3 25	9 12	5 33
BETHEL		3 31	9 21	5 40
Locke's Mills		3 39	9 31	5 49
Bryant Pond		3 45	9 40	5 55
West Paris		3 55	9 55	6 06
South Paris		4 03	10 13	6 25
PORTLAND		4 30	12 15	8 25
BOSTON		9 20 pm	4 15	1255pm

Trains Westward.

Stations.		Express.	Pass. p. m.	Pass.
GORHAM	Lve.	11 10	5 45	8 45
	Arr.	11 05	5 25	8 45
Shelburne		‡10 53	5 11	8 34
Gilead		‡10 42	4 57	8 20
West Bethel		‡10 30	4 42	8 07
BETHEL		10 23	4 32	7 59
Locke's Mills		‡10 14	4 20	7 48
Bryant Pond		10 08	4 11	7 41
West Paris		9 55	3 55	7 28
So. Paris		9 37	3 35	7 10
PORTLAND		7 55	1 30	5 20
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BETHEL LOCALS.

"A city that is set on a hill can not be hid."

Happy New Year.

Sleighs are getting rusty.

Begin your 1896 diaries today.

Don't forget to date your letters '96.

New Year resolutions are now in order.

For open winter, this beats the record.

Arthur Wiley has returned to his school at Norway.

Harry Mason was in town from Portland, over Christmas.

Santa Claus, pretty well tired out, has retired for another year.

Hastings Bros. have an excellent display of lamps on their counters.

F. W. Sanborn of the Norway Advertiser was in Bethel Friday last.

It is to be regretted that the reading room has been indefinitely closed.

The Ladies' Club meets with Mrs. Gehring Thursday afternoon of this week.

Stage driver Davis says he is getting about all the mud he cares for, this fall.

C. S. York has moved into rooms in the building recently occupied by A. R. Haines.

David Yates of Berlin, was in Bethel last Wednesday visiting his sister, Mrs. Arno.

Shamrock and Rose, a beautiful Irish comedy drama, is being prepared by local talent.

Mr. C. S. York will soon go to Magalloway region to visit the lumber camps, taking photos.

Archie Grover has been at home from the Maine State College, spending the holidays.

An exchange remarks that the United States are now having an extreme attack of Paderewskitis.

Mr. Howard Carter, who is employed in a bank in Portland, has been at home for a few days.

Mrs. E. C. Park has been entertaining her father, Mr. Stearns from South Paris, for a few days.

The stock holders of The Bethel Dairying Co. hold their annual meeting Saturday afternoon of this week, to select officers for the ensuing year.

There was a pleasant family gathering at the residence of Charles Abbott last Saturday evening. There was a Christmas tree for the little ones and a social good time for all.

A man's friends and enemies average about the same the year round. When he makes a few new foes he gains a corresponding number of friends who admire him because the other fellows hate him.

Mr. Ardon Tilton is to sever his connection with the Bethel Dairying Co. the last of this month, and will move his family to Auburn where he has secured a position in a butter factory. Mr. Tilton has been in Bethel three years, and both himself and family have made many friends, and it is to be regretted that they are to leave the place.

While in Portland last Saturday, G. R. Wiley called on Lieut. Peary of Arctic fame. Mr. Wiley and Mr. Peary are cousins, Mr. Peary's mother who visited Bethel recently, being a sister to Dr. Wiley, G. R. Wiley's father. He says Mr. Peary does not look any the worse for his Arctic adventures but he does not feel very enthusiastic about making another trip.

Tom W. Winder of Warsaw, Ind., who passed through Bethel the latter part of August on a 20,000 mile bicycle ride around the United States in 300 days, has finished his trip, having arrived in New Orleans, the starting point, on the 12th of December, nearly 20 days ahead of time. It was a wonderful test of endurance, 20,000 miles having been accomplished on a bicycle in 280 days, an average of almost 80 miles per day.

There is more catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was it supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore it requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co. Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address,

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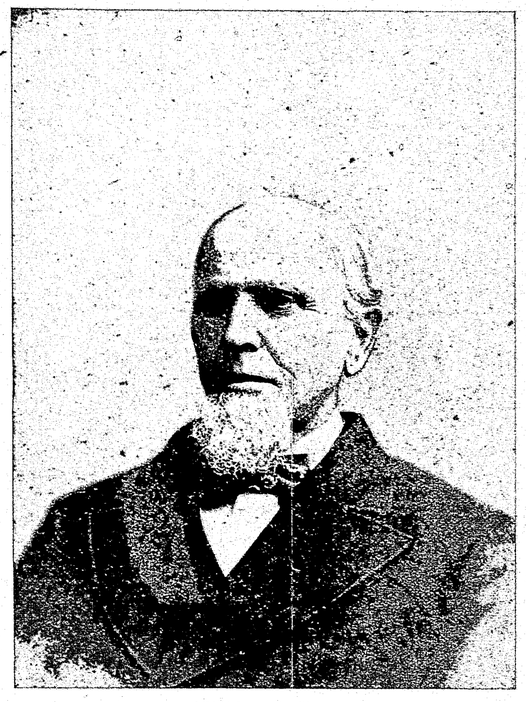

JOSEPH A. TWITCHELL.

Leon Brooks of Greenwood, is at work for Mr. O. A. Buck.

The Cash Shoe Store is closed and Miss Marshall will return to Rochester, N. H.

Mr. George Mason has returned home from Boston, where he has been at work.

Mr. John Howe, wife, and baby sbent Christmas at the home of their father, Mr. Charles Brooks.

Gerald Davis made a short visit at Mechanic Falls last week. He is at work at West Bethel for the present.

Mr. C. F. Abbott and wife returned home from Bangor last Saturday, where they have been attending the State Grange.

G. R. Wiley forsook his arduous duties at the post office and drug store last week, long enough to make a business trip to Boston.

Ernest Walker, the popular traveling salesman for Nelson, Tenney & Co., of Portland, spent the most of last week at his home here.

We wonder how many villages there are in the New England States the size of Bethel, that have been so free from sickness as has Bethel during the past year.

The residents on the west side of Main street, in particular, and the people in general, have been wearing smiling faces and skipping along the new side walk dry shod during the recent muddy period.

Seth Bessey, a native of Bethel, but who has been a resident of Reading, Mass., one half a century, died at the latter place Saturday the 21st of December. He had carried on the hotel business in several places and was a prominent G. A. R. man.

Mr. J. A. Torrey of Rockland, Mass., has been in Bethel a few days stopping at the home of Mr. A. W. Grover. Mr. Torrey has our thanks for some fresh lettuce and celery. It was taken from his green-house in Rockland, and is so green and tender that it renews memories of summer.

We are informed by one in a position to know, that our statement in the Newry Corner items in last week's NEWS in regard to the cost of two school houses is a little one-sided. Our informant states that the relative cost of the two houses is as forty-five to fifty-five. The Sunday river house is 21x27 feet. It has four windows, four doors and twenty seats, while the Bear River house is 23x31 feet, has six windows, six doors and thirty seats.

THE DIPHTHERIA SCARE.

It seems to be the proper thing for some one to correct the erroneous stories set afloat concerning a mild case of diphtheria, which was brought to town from Portland. All necessary precautions have been taken by the Board of Health, and Dr. Hill assures me there is no occasion for alarm. I think it a great mistake on the part of parents to take their children out of school, for they certainly are more exposed while running about our streets, during this unseasonable weather, than they would be in school. Let the parents be assured that when there is any cause for alarm the school will be closed, and I hope they will send the children back to their respective rooms, as they are losing the best work of the term.

O. W. Mason.

JOSEPH A. TWITCHELL.

Joseph A. Twitchell was born on Bethel Hill, May 19th, 1817. He was the son of Joseph and Mary Twitchell, whose portraits appeared in the last number of the NEWS. He spent all his life in Bethel on part of the old homestead of his grandfather, and it is said of him that he was one of the best citizens Bethel ever had. He was a man of quiet, peaceable habits, who took life as it came, undisturbed by outside influences, always pursuing the even tenor of his way.

He was a man of decided temperance views, and was always active in temperance societies. He was a leading member of the Universalist church and labored faithfully for its advancement in this place. Very few men are blessed with so many friends and possessed of so few enemies as was Mr. Twitchell. He followed the occupation of shoemaker, and his reputation for thorough work extended all over the county.

December 12, 1839, he married Orinda L. Mason of Gilead, by whom he had six children, only two of whom are now living, Hon. A. S. Twitchell of Gorham, N. H., and Mrs. Walton Wight, who with her husband now lives on the old place. Mrs. Twitchell died about one year ago.

For many years Mr. Twitchell was a familiar figure in Bethel. He seldom left town, and was usually found at his home.

He died quite unexpectedly May 2nd, 1890, of pneumonia, leaving a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn his loss.

NEW SUBSCRIBERS.

The following are the names added to the "NEWS" subscription list during the past week.

Mrs. S. B. Kimball, Keen, N. H.
H. A. Edwards, Caribou, Me.
North Bridgton Academy, North Bridgton, Me.
Mrs. Wm. Durkee, Wentworth's Location, N. H.
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John L. Yates, Greenwood, Me.
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Arthur Howe, Hanover.
Isaac Knight, Lake Valley, N. M.
Celia A. Mills, Cottage City, Mass.

WEST BETHEL.

1896.

"Ring out the old, ring in the new."

Boys, look out for thin ice when skating on deep water.

Boats are used in crossing the Androscoggin this week.

Riding in a wagon for pleasure on Christmas day is something very rare in Oxford county.

December has given us but little snow, which soon melted, and another storm of rain may be expected early in January.

Road commissioner Abbott called out men Friday and Saturday to repair the highways damaged by the late heavy rains.

Pleasant Valley Grange will have an installation of officers on Saturday next, and it is hoped all members will be sure to attend.

Mrs. Sarah W. Brown came up from Bryants Pond Saturday to visit her brother, L. D. Grover and will call on some of her old friends here this week.

We are always interested in puzzles, and if we do not win the first prize in the word-hunt some one will make over fifty words from the letters in "THE BETHEL NEWS."

Found.—A watch charm, owner can have by calling at Ira C. Jordan's store.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES.

On the night of Dec. 25th, the people at North West Bethel had a Christmas tree, and a pleasant entertainment at the school house, district Number five. The house was prettily decorated, the tree was one of the fairest of its kind and was resplendent with loads of lovely presents, while cords stretched across the room, well laden with articles useful and ornamental. Mr. Hiram Wilson kindly opened the exercises with prayer and then a pleasing programme was enacted with out any difficulty, Miss Maude Merrow had charge of the speaking by her pupils, and all rendered their parts in a creditable manner; the little peoples selections were short, and given in a way that showed they tried to do justice to their instructor, and succeeded too. Music on the violin by Miss Merrow with accompanment on the organ played by Mr. O'Riley was a treat to all lovers of music. Herman Bennett and the Misses Scribner, Estella, Sadie and Mabelle, finished the Christmas songs, and as their fresh young voices rang out all felt as if it were good to be there. Frank Brown and Rob Stearns delighted all with music on the organ and harmonica, and the recitations by Estella, Sadie and Mabel Scribner were good selections and finely given, while the one by Mrs. Mason made five minutes pass pleasantly. The tableaus managed by Mrs. Addie K. Mason are worth mentioning too; Blue Beard was illustrated by six, the part of Blue Beard, whose shaggy beard was truly as blue as the skies, was well taken by Alton Verrill while the trying role of Fatima was acted to perfection by Mrs. Lilla Skillings. Herman Bennett as the rescuing brother looked the picture of a straight young soldier in his soldier suit, red sash and uplifted sword. In the Gipsy's Warning, Miss Eliza Mason looked like a real Gipsy Queen in her red gown surmounted by her picturesque face, flashing black eyes and sparkling crown, and with Mrs. Charles Verrill as the warned and Frank Brown as the warned against, completed a picture worth looking at accompanied as it was by the sweet strains of that old fashioned song "The Gipsy's Warning." The two last tableaus, "Waiting for Santa," and "When Santa Came", were appreciated by all. An old fashioned fire place, a tallow candle dimly burning, two sweet faced girls in white night gowns sitting one on each side and two rogueish looking boys sat cross legged in front peering anxiously up the chimney, was the first scene, when next the curtain parted it disclosed,

Two curly heads, both bending low,
Two rogues, both in a heap;
Two girls, both gone to Nodlands Isle,
Two boys, both fast asleep!

And jolly old Santa standing looking at them as they slept. The little actors were Helen Mason, Ella Skillings, Freeland Cummings and Glenn Mason. Santa Claus in every day life is Ned Skillings a popular G. T. R. R. brakeman who was at home for this occasion. E. S. Mason assisted with the curtain, and to all I am requested to extend cordial thanks for their kindly assistance, especially to those from over the river and to Calvin Cummings and Seth Mason whose unerring efforts helped to make this entertainment a success.

One who was there.

THE OLDEST INHABITANT.

Last Friday the NEWS was favored with a call from Mr. Andrew Twitchell, who is the oldest man in Bethel at the present time. Mr. Twitchell was 92 years old the 21st of this month, having been born in 1803 on the same farm on which he now resides. We do not believe there is another man in the State of Maine who was born, grew up and lived on the same farm for 92 years and who has lived for 50 years in the same house. Mr. Twitchell spent nearly two hours in the NEWS office and was much interested in the type, press, etc. He never visited a printing office before and had never seen a printing press. Although 92 years of age his eyesight is still good and he has read every number of the BETHEL NEWS since it started last spring.

He retains his faculties in a remarkable degree and remembers his childhood days perfectly, and laughed heartily over some of his boyish pranks. At one time when he was about eight years of age the Rev. Daniel Gould, who was then stationed here, called on Mr. Twitchell's father and after the call was ended young Andrew was sent to row the parson across the river. As the boat touched the shore, Mr. Gould stepped out and picking up a small stick, he struck the water spattering quite a quantity over Mr. Twitchell. "Instantly," said Mr. Twitchell, "I took the paddle and began to strike the water as hard as possible and it flew in a great shower over the minister giving him a thorough wetting down, and I kept at it until he beat a retreat."

For the past eight years Mr. Twitchell has lived in the family of Mr. Roscoe G. Lane, to whom he sold his farm, and he spoke in highest terms of the treatment he has received from Mr. Lane and his family. "It does not often happen," said Mr. Twitchell, "that an old man of my age has so pleasant a home and such kind treatment." Mr. Twitchell is in excellent health and may yet live to round out a century.

METTALLAK:
THE LONE INDIAN OF MAGALLOWAY.

BY THE AUTHOR OF "THE EMPRESS OF BEAUTY," ETC.

CHAPTER IV. (Continued.)

After we had prepared a bough house, and partaken of some refreshment, I beset Jones to tell me why he so much hated Mettallak and the owl.

"If I should tell you," said he, "you would let it all out down the river, and I should never hear the last of it."

I promised him most faithfully upon my honor never to divulge anything he might tell me.

"Well, relying upon your honor I will tell you. Some years ago Mettallak used to set traps up and down the river to catch mushquash or otter. One day late in the afternoon I found in one of his traps, a large otter. I thought I might carry him off, and Mettallak would never be the wiser for it. It was nearly six miles down the river from where the old Indian lived. I took the otter from the trap, set it again, and started down river. I had not proceeded far when one of these infernal owls, as though he was sent by the Evil One himself, set up a hooting over my head, and made the woods ring again. Mettallak knew more about the wild beasts than any white man, for he had always lived with them. He knew these owls would frequently set up their yells when they happened to fly over a man, or any wild creature in the woods. This wily old Indian was always upon the lookout for game. At the time I took the otter he was coming down the river to examine his traps. I had not gone more than half a mile before he came to the trap which I had robbed. It looked rather suspicious to his keen eyes, he thought within himself it was not precisely in the same position which he had placed it, besides there were some traces of an otter about the bark. As evil luck would have it, the same moment these suspicions were created in Mettallak, this cursed night watcher set up her infernal music directly over my head. The sound went up river and Mettallak's eternally open ear caught it and he hurried off like a deer down stream. I was walking along with the otter, and this owl would fly from tree to tree, keeping near me, and tuning up her horrid songs. Occasionally I would throw clubs at her, hoping it might drive her away. I was afraid to shoot her lest the report of the gun might reach the quick ears of the Sanup.

In this manner I was wending my way on the banks of the river, when all at once, I heard the rustling of the bushes, and the sound of footsteps. Instantly the dark form of Mettallak appeared among the trees, bounding along with the speed of a moose. I knew it would be useless to run, for his flashing eye was already upon me. I knew his power of running too well to attempt to lead in a foot race. I was much agitated, and not a little frightened. The thought instantly struck me that I would throw the otter beneath some wind-falls. I did so, but it was too late. Mettallak saw the act. He came towards me. I was almost tempted to shoot him on the spot; but I feared I might miss, or only wound him, and only certain death would be my portion. He went to the wind-falls and pulled the otter out, and taking the creature in one hand, and holding his gun in the other, he placed his savage form before me and stood in silence. His stately form thus confronting me, his dark flashing eye being fixed upon me in a steady burning gaze, and my own guilty conscience completely unmanned me. I would have knelt before him, and on my knees asked his pardon; but my pride would not suffer me to place myself in this supplicating attitude before an Indian.

He stood some time in this position and not a word escaped his lips. At last he broke the silence which also oppressed me, and said, *"me pay you, for getting otter this time,"* as much as to say I had stolen from him before. And if he had said this he wouldn't have been a great ways from the truth. No sooner had he uttered these words he seized my gun and discharged it into the air—then taking me by the throat with a strong gripe of his bony hand, he whirled me round with as much ease as though I had been a child. I struggled for a moment, but soon found all my efforts would be in vain, and so let him do what he pleased. He threw me upon the ground with some violence rolled me over upon my belly, and put his heavy foot upon my back as though an elephant had trodden me down. Here I lay beneath the foot of the savage not knowing what he would do next, but greatly fearing the result. He then reached toward a bunch of small birch bushes, cut one of the twigs and gave me a confounded flogging. After satisfying himself, and leaving some marks upon my back, he let me get up.

"Now," said he, *"me satisfied—go and never steal otter again."* Upon this we parted, and I have kept clear of the rascal ever since. Now you know why I hate these cursed owls, and their friend Mettallak."

"Well," said I, "Jones, he served you just right." He looked at me, and muttering some broken curses upon Mettallak, laid down and soon sunk into sleep.

The next morning we started on our route through the woods. It will be necesssay here to inform the reader what my object was in visiting this river the second time, as my old friend Mettallak had left his home on its banks. During the summer past Mettallak was found near his Lodge in a most wretched condition. He was totally blind. Those bright flashing orbs which for many years had watched the moose, and directed his old gun with unerring and fatal aim at the wolves, had now become dim, and lost their fire. When he was found by some hunters as they passed up the river, he had crawled some distance from his camp into a hollow, where he lay in a state of starvation, his little dog by his side, and he too was all but starved to death. They took him into his Lodge, and gave him some food. He soon revived, and in a day or two was able to leave his old haunts in company with these hunters who first discovered him. He was taken to his daughter's who had several years before became the wife of a white man, and now lived with her husband near the line.

I was now *en route* to visit my old friend with whom I had been through so many exciting scenes. From this old theatre of Mettallak's exploits we steered a northwesterly course, and after two day's wandering in the woods, we came to an opening where several settlers resided. On enquiry I found the log house where Mettallak had taken up his quarters.—Jones had no curiosity to see the old blind Indian, and therefore we parted. Jones returning home. I needed his services no longer as I contemplated going back in another direction through the settlements.

To be Continued.

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Written for the BETHEL NEWS.

AMONG THE WEST INDIA ISLES.

BY W. C. BEAN.

The island of St. Thomas, Danish, West Indies, is situated in latitude 18 degrees 20 minutes 30 seconds north, and longitude 64 degrees 56 minutes 30 seconds west. Its length is near thirteen miles, east and west, with an average breadth of three miles. It has St. Croix on the south, distance forty miles, and Porti Rico on the west, distance eighty miles. Upon approaching this island from the north the first object looked for is "Sail Rock", which stands well out to sea. This rock is white and very much resembles a full rigged ship when viewed from a distance.

It is usually a nip and tuck between the "Officer of the Deck" and "Lookout" perched aloft in a man-of-war to see which will have the honor to announce, "Sail Rock, two points off the star-board bow!!" This island has but one town, which bears the name Charlotte-Amelia, which lies at the foot of the high hills that loom up before one as he rounds the signal-station. It is a treat in itself for one to realize that he is now beyond the wintry blast, the snow that prevails in and about Maine or New England and other northern states, two thousand miles away. Here it is sunshine the day through and the linen duster is always in order judging from the attire of better class one meets in this quaint town, while the rambling heroes, natives, stroll by, happy in the thought that nature relieves them of the stern necessity of purchasing overcoats and woolen gloves, being quite content with the "light marching order", or, if not too proud, the cast-offs of some more fortunate brother. The town as seen from the deck of a man-of-war at anchor in the harbor is very picturesque, starting from the water-front and terminating in three hill-tops, which glory in the nautical phrase of "fore, main and riggin'." On the summit of each of these hills is built, or building, a large stone castle owned by rich planters. It has a fine harbor, and it's facilities for the repairing and coaling of vessels are excellent.

At Brondsted's coal wharf the native colliers are seen at their best. When a steamer or man-of-war is about to coal up, the warning shriek of a steam whistle summons this coal brigade from their retreat. The coaling is soon under way amid the chanting of a weird song, now slow and tremulous, now stronger until it swells into one mighty chorus, not unlike that of the sailors shantee when yielding the capstan bar. The pay is one cent per basket of coal weighing from 82 to 95 lbs, some carrying as many as two or three hundred during the coaling of a steamer. When not thus employed their pay is from sixty to seventy-five cents a day for discharging coal from ships which bring it here. The women are the best workers, and those past middle age more so, for the younger ones, upon accumulating a sufficient sum, will don their Sunday out and sally forth with some dusky swain—she making, he spending the money.

Prior to 1848 there were ninety-four plantations flourishing upon the island, from which was raised coffee, tobacco, sugar, bay-oil, etc., in abundance, but as slavery was abolished in that year these places went to waste, for the emancipated, now being in a position enabling him to reap something more substantial than promises for his labors, scorned all inducements to remain, as he now looked upon the spade and hoe as badges of a detestable servitude, having a dim recollection of the lash that was ever paraded before him. Many of the little native boys come out to the ship in all kinds of small boats and delight in diving for coins and never fail to put in an appearance upon the arrival of one of our men-of-war, ready to dive for any loose change one might care to throw in the water. The attention caused by their incessant jabbering invariably ends in a number of coins being tossed overboard, and amid the happy shouts of these little fellows they plunge into the depths, quickly reappearing with the captured trophy, which they exhibit with evidence of pride. It matters little whether the prowling sharks be uncomfortably near or not, for the preponderance of the almighty coin seems to dispel any reasonable doubt that may arise, there seemingly to be to the observer, a mutual agreement between the son of roisfortune and the man eater.

Situated to the east and north of the village, and overlooking it, there are two old towers. These are known as Blue Beard's and Black Beard's castles, tradition says they were the abodes of two rascals whose names they bear, as to the authenticity of which history keeps us in the dark. It is a pity though, that so little is actually known of them. Perched upon one of them you look on the busy life beneath you, and if romantically inclined, let your mind wander back on a few years or more, and wonder how the place looked then. It is quite certain that not very long ago Blue Beard's castle was tenanted by an old Italian. There they have stood for over two hundred years, defying the ravages of time, silent spectators of the the hopes and joys, the griefs and sorrows, the petty fears of strife, the quarrels and bickerings of the hundreds of people all working like bees in the hive at your feet. Could they but speak! what a tale they would tell of wealth-laden traders, of cargoes of slaves, of oppression and wrong, of pestilence and death stalking through the one long narrow street lining the bay where men made their gold, hoarded it up in their cisterns, and, when rich beyond measure, retired to the land of their birth, not leaving as much as a stick or stone in the memory of the isle that had made them rich—not so much as a thought for it's future. During 1820, the first cargo of ice was landed here. King's Wharf was crowded with people, who were anxious to see the frozen water, for many of the natives and even some of the foreigners did not know what it was. The fratricidal war of the Northern and Southern States, 1861-65, was a bonanza to this island, blockade runners sought its port, and now and then a privateer. In hot pursuit came the men-of-war, which, with their crews, left a great deal of money in the port. The 18th of Nov., 1867, was memorable by a terrific earthquake lasting for thirty seconds, and a few minutes afterwards the sea receded, leaving the harbor almost dry, exposing many sunken wrecks, and upon its return, lay waste the wharves and ware-houses built upon its shores. A proclamation was published in 1867, concerning the probable annexation of St. Thomas to the United States. The natives voted for annexation almost to a man, and subsisted upon expectations, in hopes that patience would triumph in the end, but the coveted "just" papers never came owing to the negotiations having suddenly ceased. Poor old St. Thomas! A living picture of a painstaking people battling for existance amid reverses and disease, the foot-ball of earth-quake and ravaging hurricane, the goose with the golden egg to the many adventurers in the palmy days of piracy. But the days are over when its merchants toiled early and late, when banks were unknown, and Spanish dollars were wheeled on barrows through the streets.

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THREE VIEWS.

By LENA B. ELLINGWOOD.

I.

She heard them talk of the Old Year's close,
And she said, "Oh, my! when this year goes,
And another one comes in,
What a dreadfully long, long time 'twill be
Before another New Year we'll see!
I can't remember when this one came;
But then, I'm really not to blame,
So very long it's been.

II.

Now older grown, she sits and dreams,
And fair and sweet the New Year seems
As she watches for its birth.
"I wonder what it brings to me;
I wonder what of life I'll see,
How much I'll learn—what more I'll be."
And while she ponders musingly,
The New Year comes to earth.

III.

"I'll watch the New Year in;" she said;
"How many busy years have fled
Since last I saw it come!
Years that were filled with joys and cares,
Blessings and griefs and toil and prayers.
And though I know not what 'twill bring,
My heart in quietness can sing
Until the New Year dawns when I
To all things earthly say goodby,
And find in Heaven my home.

Dec. 31st, 1895.

On account of limited time today, our report of the Firemen's Ball will appear next week.

Fred Merrill was ricently presented with a fine class ring by Mrs. Ella Wilson of Berlin.

Rev. Mr. Barton will take as a subject for his New Year's sermon next Sunday the Fourth Beatitude.

By making a little effort you may be able to secure the first prize offered by the NEWS for the largest word list.

Our friend Mrs. Stearns who is ninety years old, attended the Christmas at Holt Hill, and the next day walked to Frank Russell's a distance of one half mile.

Jacob Clark of Holt Hill was surprised by receiving a call from all his neighbors on the evening of Dec. 30th. A good supper was carried and a lively time was enjoyed by all present.

Mr. L. A. Pratt is working in the eastren part of the county for the Dart Fire Kindler. The kindler seems to be a practical affair and we presume he will meet with good success.

There was a very pleasant gathering at the Bethel House dining rooms last Friday evening, under the direction of Mrs. Marian Gehring. There were about fifty present and the evening was most thoroughly enjoyed by all. The programme will be given next week.

Rev. T. F. Millet, state field worker for the Maine State Sunday School Association, will preach at the M. E. church next Sunday, Jan. 5th. He will also speak at a Union service at the Congregationalist church at three o'clock, on the interest of the Sunday school work. Everybody invited.

I am pleased with the puzzle which was sent for three trade marks from Hood's Sarsaparilla and four cents in stamps. I took Hood's Sarsaparilla last spring and found it an excellent medicine. We think Hood's Pills are the best that can be obtained and always have them in the house. Cassie Dolhan, Warren, Me.

Hood's Pills cure all liver ills.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union invite all the ladies who are interested in the work of relieving the starving Armenians, to meet Friday afternoon, Jan. 3rd at 2.30 in Garland Memorial Chapel.

Miss Clara Barton, president of the Red Cross Society of the United States, has accepted, in the name of the Society, this relief work; and is only waiting for $100,000 in cash with which to begin, and a guarantee of at least $400,000 more.

The sufferers can be reached only through this society, it being an international order. Turkey is one of the forty different governments which have now signed the treaty; so the Red Cross alone can penetrate into it.

If united efforts were made in every town, the needed funds could be quickly raised. The case is too urgent to admit of delay.

Mr. Wm. R. Chapman has purchased the standard bred registered stallion Stamen Patron, from the Patron stock farm, Gouverneur, N. Y., to take the place of Conrad, at Riverside stock farm this season. Stamen Patron is a facsimile of his sire, the great Patron, 2,14 1-2, who is acknowledged to be one of the best sires for great money winners on the turf today, also one of the most stylish road horses. Stamen Patron as a three year old could beat 2.25 with little handling, and his race record of 2.33 as a three year old was no limit of his speed. He has since been used in the stud, and his former owner, Mr. McCrea has some of his colts now two years old, who will beat 2.30 this season. He also states that he considers Stamen Patron will make as great a sire as his sire Patron has been. His brother Hamis has made the greatest two year old record since Arion, 2 12.

Mr. Chapman expects that Stamen Patron will beat 2.20 this year—and will trot him at the close of the stud season.

GOULD'S ACADEMY NOTES

There will be no session New Year's day.

A meeting of the lyceum will be held Thursday evening at seven o'clock.

The electric bells have been put in order by Mr. Bunting and now take the place of the gong.

Miss Hastings and her friend Miss Knowles from Bates college, visited the Academy, Friday.

The teachers were remembered by the scholars on Christmas, with suitable presents, another evidence of the pleasant relations existing between the instructors and the pupils.

Cora Farwell returned to school last Thursday, after being absent over a week with a severe cold, and on Monday Ethel Richardson joined her class again after two weeks absence, on account of sickness. The only one of the absent ones to come in now is Fannie Capen and all hope to see her soon.

Rules Governing The News Word Contest.

All lists of words must reach this office by Saturday, Febuary first, at six o'clock P. M.

Every list of words must be accompanied by a three months subscription to the NEWS, with thirty cents.

No words can be counted, only such as are found in the English language.

No letter can be repeated in a single word only as many times as it is found in the words "THE BETHEL NEWS."

Words of two letters may be used.

If there should be two lists received containing just the same number of words, the one received first would be entitled to the first prize.

The first prize is a dozen photos, costing $3.00; the second is a year's subscription to the BETHEL NEWS. Next week we shall add any other information that may seem necessary, and after that no changes can be made in the rules. Now let all the boys and girls and older people as well take hold and see how large a list they can make.

CHRISTMAS AT THE SHADES.

Another leaf in the great book of time has been filed and again the people of Holt Hill and vicinity are gathered at the home of Alfred Bean and his estimable wife, to unite with the thousands and thousands of people, who are gathered at different places tonight to rejoice over the birth of Christ, which is as great a joy to us now as it was to the shepherds on the plain of Bethleham over eighteen hundred years ago. Perhaps this season is typical of the climate of Judea for it would be possible for sheep to find good grazing in the pastures of Maine, and shepherds could watch with comfort in the open air on the 25th of December, 1895.

Approaching the house we are greeted with "Welcome," in blazing letters from the front stoop, and on entering find the rooms tastefully decorated with evergreen, and potted plants, one of which a mammoth wax, is the largest and most beautiful plant ever raised in Bethel.

A picnic supper comes first on the evening programme, and some time is spent in refreshing the inner man, for who can refuse to eat, when food fit for the gods is set before him.

Fine instrumental music is furnished by Mrs. O. E. Twitchell and vocal music by the singers present.

Petroleum in three acts is an interesting feature of the evening, also a drama, Little Red Riding Hood, by the children is well carried out.

The Song of the Tramp, sung by O. E. Twitchell in costume met with hearty applause. Several recitations followed and then the best thing always at Christmas, the tree, is stripped of its loving fruitage. Thinking the tree would not be able to hold all the presents a corner of the room had been separated by draperies, over which hung the motto Merry Christmas and in this a huge basket was constructed capable of holding five bushels filled with boxes and bundles of every description.

Santa Claus found it so much warmer here than at his home that he found his furs were burdensome while distributing the gifts.

We consider our Christmas entertainment equal to any in town and while reason and memory last will be remembered with pleasure by all present.

One of the number.

RESOLUTIONS.

Bethel, Me., Dec. 17, 1895.

Whereas God, our Heavenly Father, in whom we all put our trust, has in his infinite wisdom removed from this earthly abode, Bro. Jonas G. Lary, of Gilead, a member of Bethel Lodge, No. 97, F. & A. M., a worthy and much respected brother, but who, on account of infirmities, was deprived the privilege of attending the lodge for several years; we deem it but just that we pay a fitting tribute to him, whose memory we shall still cherish. Therefore

Resolved:- That while we bow in humble submission to the will of our Meavenly Father, who doeth all things well, we do not the less lament the loss of our brother.

Resolved:- That by his death, his country has lost another of its veterans, one who encountered the difficulties and privations of the war of the Rebellion, for the good of his country, his town a good citizen, his neighbors a kind friend and the order of which he was a member, a worthy brother.

Resolved:- That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved members of the family of our deceased brother; that we beg to assure them of our remem brance of them, in their affliction and that we would commend them to the care of Him who said. "Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted."

Resolved:- That these resolutions be spread upon the records of the lodge, that a copy be sent to the family of our deceased brother, also that a copy be sent to BETHEL NEWS for publication.

L. T. Harker,
A. W. Grover, } Committee.

Married in Bethel, Jan. 1st, 1896, by J. G. Rich, Mr. Elijah Libby and Miss Ellen Gorman, both of Norway.

Miss E. E. Burnham proudly exhibited in the NEWS office a bunch of pansies picked from her garden January 1st.

Too Tired to Smile

Weak, Weary and Worn

Dizziness, Impure Blood—Cured by Hood's.

Many weak and worn-out women know just what this means. In totally unfit condition for work, they force themselves through the daily routine of duties, almost too discouraged to even look for relief. But it is to be found in Hood's Sarsaparilla, which makes the blood pure, builds up the nerves, makes the weak strong and gives a cheerful spirit. Read this:

Mrs. Wm. Smith
New York City.

"I have suffered more than tongue can tell from dizziness and severe pains in my head. I also felt so low spirited that I often said I wished I was dead. A friend suggested that I try Hood's Sarsaparilla. I gave it a trial and was more than surprised to see what a great change came over me after I had taken the first bottle. I felt better right away. I have now taken nearly five bottles and am happy to say I am entirely cured. I would advise all suffering on account of impure blood to try Hood's Sarsaparilla. It will cure." MRS. WM. SMITH, 319 E. 88th St., N. Y. City.

Hood's Sarsaparilla Cures

Hood's Pills become the favorite cathartic with everyone who tries them, 25c. per box.

DENMARK.

Many are sick with colds.

Mrs. E. E. Swan remains very low.

Mrs. A. H. Witham is considerably worse.

Miss Ruth Sanborn has bought of Mr. Stevens of Bridgton, a nice piano.

Mrs. Mary E. Stewart of Cambridge, Mass., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Jonas A. Belcher.

We are having some very spring like days, and mud—the frost is mostly out of the ground.

Aunt Susan W. Berry, widow of the late Leonard Berry, died Tuesday morning the twenty fourth, aged eighty-five years. She has been tenderly cared for by her daughter Mrs. Nellie Gray since the death of her husband; a fine old lady and will be much missed.

Chas. Day an old soldier of Co A. 32nd Maine Reg. Vol. and disabled at Spotsylvania, Va., May 12th, died at his home in Denmark, Monday morning the 23rd of heart trouble, aged sixty three years. He arose in the morning as usual, but was soon taken with pain about the heart, and while his wife was fixing him some hot drink, he passed away in his chair.

RUMFORD.

The ice went out Friday Dec. 27.

Levi Butters made his sister a short visit last week.

Winnie G. Ray has been at home from the Lake region where he is at work.

Mrs. Asa Martin is sick with rheumatic fever. Mr. Martin is also sick and has not been in the store for a week or more.

The rain of Thursday night brought the water into Elias Abbotts yard and over the road in several places.

Mrs. Geo. Stearns went to Stoneham last Wednesday, and came home Thursday, it's very seldom we can have a nice carriage ride at almost New Year's time.

Mr. Ruel Needham and Miss Annie Morgan played a game of croquet the afternoon of Dec. 28th and did not have to wear mittens. What is the use of going to Florida?

Samantha.

LOVELL.

Lloyd Poor has gone to Boston, to find work.

Last Friday night, a drama entitled "Hickory Farm," was played at Bemis Hall; a large number were present. The proceeds amounted to more than thirty dollars; it was followed by a grand social hop, to the great delight of all.

Mrs. Littlefield has a little daughter three days old.

There is no snow on the ground, and the weather is very mild.

Miss Nelson, a young lady from Waterford, is the guest of Mrs. Eben Fox.

HANOVER.

Oxford Bear Lodge, 54, K. of P., meet at Castle Hall, Dec. 28th, 1895, and elected officers for the ensuing term as follows:

C. C., Geo. L. Smith.
N. C., Y. A. Thurston.
P. A., W. Thomas.
K. of K., and S. A. G. Howe.
M. of F., Geo. A. Virgin.
M. of E., Fred B. Howe.
M. of A., F. L. Howe.
I. G. A., D. Holt.
O. G., Nelson Austin.
M. of W., E. C. Holt.

At the next meeting they will have a public installation and oyster supper.

Pennacook Colony, 48 U. O. P. F., met in Union Hall, Dec., 26th, 1895 and elected officers for the ensuing term as follows;

Gov., J. B. Roberts.
Lieut. Gov., Virgil P. Adamson.
Ex. Gov., Clark B. Frost.
Sect., A. G. Howe.
Coll., Geo. A. Virgin.
Treas., Jessie D. Russell.
Chap., Henry N. Howe.
Seargt. of Arms., E. C. Holt.
Dept. of Arms., Lydia S. Simpson.
O. G., Etta M. Holt.
I. G., Betsey W. Russell.

Painted Skulls in Austria.

A strange custom, dating back to the dark ages, has survived in some of the mountain districts in Austria—the painting of skulls. The small size of most cemeteries in those regions makes it necessary to regularly remove the skeletons of the buried who have lain there eight or ten years, to make room for newcomers. The relatives of the dead thus to be exhumed are generally notified before the removal, so that they can attend to the cleaning of the skeleton and be present at its deposit in the so-called "bone-house" or "charnel-house." On such occasions the skull is often ornamented with paintings, representing rosaries, wreaths, snakes.

EAST STONEHAM.

Whooping cough is quite common in town.

The little boy who was scalded so badly about two weeks ago is doing as well as could be expected.

J. Bartlett is having a new iron water wheel for his saw mill and other repairs and improvements made.

We occasionally read a receipt for keeping hands beautiful. I will give you a new and unfailing receipt soon.

For the season of the year the weather has been remarkable. The ground bare, streams open, and the sun warm as it usually is in October. Yesterday was a perfect day. Today the air is a little cooler.

A few days ago the little adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Austin McAllister had a severe attack of nose bleed as a result of whooping cough, the blood oozing through the pores in the forehead also. Her parents were alarmed and a physician was summoned without delay.

George Brown had one of his feet badly jammed yesterday forenoon, while felling trees in the woods. Just as he felled a tree it lodged in another, or slipped back in such a manner as to bring the butt of the tree on his foot. Fortunately Mr. Brown was not alone and was assisted by his companions. Dr. Coolidge was summoned to attend the injured foot.

There was a Christmas tree at the hall on the evening of the 25th, and the persons present pronounced the singing, recitations, and exercises very fine. There were not quite so many presents on the tree, as last Christmas I am told, still a very good display for a small town. I am unable to report the exercises in detail, as I was unable to attend. Many of our neighbors received Christmas presents which were not carried to the hall and placed on exhibition. Mrs. S. L. Moody received some useful and appropriate presents from her children as Christmas gifts. Mrs. H. M. Parker also had some nice presents from members of her family. Others might be mentioned who were likewise remembered and blest.

WILSON'S MILLS.

J. W. Clark has been up river.

A very mild Christmas, and not much going on.

Butterflies were seen flying about Dec. 21st.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Kelly went to Colebrook, Tuesday.

One of the men working for F. T. Pennock cut his foot very badly last Monday.

Mrs. R. A. Storey is quite sick. She was attended by Dr. Kyte of Errol.

The long-continued thaw and the mud makes it very discouraging for loggers.

Allie Damren of Vassalboro, Me., is spending Christmas with his grandfather, J. W. Clark. He walked nearly all the way from Vassalboro, a distance of over a hundred miles.

The bridge across the river by John Olson's parted in the middle Tuesday afternoon, part swung down river on each shore. It is impossible to cross with teams, and men cross on the ice above and below the bridge. The damage was caused by a jam of ice from the falls striking the bridge.

GROVER HILL.

Will Mason cut his foot Monday.

Roy Grover has returned home from Massachusetts.

Mrs. J. H. Bean was in town Thursday.

Leland Mills is visiting at Archie Hutchinson's.

Mr. Carver and wife of Albany were in town Saturday.

Nathan Mills has sold part of his wild land to A. S. Bean.

Roy Grover is working for his uncle Geo. Grover cutting spruce.

MASON.

Sarah Mills is home from Auburn for two weeks.

F. I. Bean is cutting ash timber for C. F. Brown.

D. E. Mills is cutting timber on Gilman Bean's lot.

Merton R. Bean is cutting birch for Charles Brown.

The Ladies' Circle and a poverty supper will be held at Dolly Tyler's Wednesday evening.

The entertainment and Christmas tree at the church Wednesday night was a success, and a good time was reported by all.

Beautiful weather!

A. J. Whitman has a nice looking young horse.

Mrs. Whitman and Miss Bennett will return this week.

I wish the News many happy returns of the New Year.

Sewell Lyon drives his brother Edward's pretty colt this winter.

People in this section, as elsewhere, are as busy as bees cutting timber of all kinds for market.

A. J. Peasly has hired Norman Sanborn and the Lyon brothers, to assist him in the woods.

A FAIR TRIAL of Hood's Sarsaparilla guarantees a complete cure. It is an honest medicine, honestly advertised and it honestly **CURES**

Notice of Sale.

Pursuant to a license from the Hon. Judge of Probate, for the County of Oxford, I shall sell at Public Auction, on the fourteenth day of January, 1896, at ten o'clock in the forenoon at the office of Herrick and Park, in Bethel, Maine, all the right, title and interest which Frederick A. Clark, late of said Bethel, had in and to the following named and described real estate, to wit:—The homestead of the said Frederick A. Clark, situated on Vernon street, in Bethel Hill Village, as occupied by him at the time of his decease, such sale to be subject to the widow's right of dower, but to include the reversion of the widow's dower therein.

Dated this 11th day of December, 1895.

Ellery C. Park, Adm'r.

OXFORD, ss:—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of December A. D. 1895.

William A. Holt, named Executor in a certain instrument purporting to be the last Will and Testament of DANIEL G. HOLT, late of Greenwood, in said County, deceased, having presented the same for Probate:

ORDERED, That the said William A. Holt give notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the BETHEL NEWS printed at Bethel, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris, in said County, on the third Tuesday of January next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and show cause, if any they have, why the said instrument should not be proved, approved and allowed as the last Will and Testament of said deceased, and that said William A. Holt be appointed executor.

GEORGE A. WILSON, Judge.

A true copy—Attest:
ALBERT D. PARK, Register.

STATE OF MAINE.

OXFORD, ss, Probate Court, December Term, 1895.

IT IS ORDERED, That until further notice the regular terms of the Probate Court be held at the Probate Court Room, South Paris, on the third Tuesday of each month, and at the office of E. E. Hastings, Esq., Fryeburg, on the first Tuesdays of June and December, at 9 A. M. And notice is also given that the regular term held at the Probate Court Room, South Paris, each month, will be continued by adjournment through the following Wednesday.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 17th day of December, A. D. 1895

GEO. A. WILSON,
Judge of the Probate Court.

SUGGESTIONS.

Attention is called to the new rules adopted by the Supreme Judicial Court for the regulation of proceedings in the Probate Court, particularly to those requiring that blanks be properly filled out before being filed; that the name of the attorney presenting same be endorsed thereon; that the Christian names of principals and sureties on bonds, and appraisers and commissioners be given in full; that the signatures of principals and sureties to all bonds be witnessed; that all petitions for the sale of real estate for the payment of debts be accompanied by a list, under oath, of the debts due from the estate, except when the amount has been ascertained by the settlement of an account of the report of the commissioners of insolvency; and that in case of sale of real estate at private sale, a certificate, under oath, be returned within thirty days, showing the amount received and the person to whom sold. The rules are now in force, and these simple and plain requirements cannot be ignored. All official communications relating to cases and business in the Probate Court should be addressed to the Register of Probate to avoid delay.

GEO. A. WILSON, Judge.

A true copy—attest:
ALBERT D. PARK.

OXFORD, ss. Court of Insolvency December Term, 1895

IT IS ORDERED, That until further notice the regular terms of the Court of Insolvency be held at the Probate Court Room, South Paris, on the Wednesday following the third Tuesday of each month, at 9 A. M.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 18th day of December, A. D. 1895.

GEO. A. WILSON,
Judge of the Court of Insolvency.

A true copy—attest:
ALBERT D. PARK.

LOVELL CENTER.

Vernace Harriman is home from Charleston, N. H., until snow comes.

Ira Heald has bought the hard wood on Mellen Charles' place which he is to cut and haul this winter.

Mr. Heald has also bought 25 000 hemlock of the Kenniston Bros, which they are to haul to his mill.

Mr. E. E. Harriman and wife spent Christmas with their sister, Mrs. Susie Heath, at West Fryeburg.

The Kenniston Bros. are going to cut and haul one hundred cords of birch and hard wood to Healds mill this winter.

Last Friday the friends of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Harriman gave them a fine reception which was held at the house of Mrs. Clara L. Harriman there being fifty present. A fine lot of dishes were given by the following people "chipped in" and bought the lot together.

Mr. Samuel Beardsley.
Miss Alice Heald.
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kenniston.
Miss Georgia Kenniston.
Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Cushman
Mr. Claudie L. Cushman.
Mr. Lester Cushman,
Miss Louise Horr,
Miss Nellie Heald.
Mr. Will Whitehouse.
Mr. Ray Pottle.
Mr. Clinton Milliken.
Mr. Bert Brackett.
Mrs. Albert Fowler.
Mrs. Clara Harriman.
Eva Martin.
James Vance.
John Farrington.
Vernace Harriman.
Orrinton Rowe.
Ira Heald.

Among the other things was a salt boat, given by Fred Brown, also a cream pitcher.

Salt shaker, Nellie Heald, pair of pillow slips, Mrs. L. C. Cushman. chair cushion, Louise Horr, table spoon, Adna Rowe, tumblers and bowl, Amy Donald; tack cover, Georgia Kenniston and Mabel Gray; towel, chair tidy and pillow cover Mrs. Albert Kendell; sofa cover, Clara Harriman.

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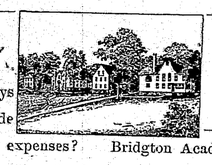

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BREVITIES

PERSONAL GOSSIP.

Mark Twain is accompanied by his wife in his tour around the world.

Mary Hallock Foote, who writes comprehensively on irrigation and agriculture, illustrates her book herself.

Chief Justice Beasley of New Jersey, at the age of 80, is deemed one of the brightest minds on the American bench.

Dr. Henry Grace, the eldest of the famous family of cricketers, dropped dead while shooting recently. He was 63 years old.

Murphy has been given up as an anglicized corruption of his name by an Irish clergyman, who has taken up again the true form, O'Morchoe.

The Duke of Cambridge has had a dinner given in his honor nearly every night since his retirement from the command of the British army.

Prince Poniatowski and his wife, formerly Miss Beth Sperry of Stockton, Cal., have arrived in San Francisco, where they will spend the winter.

The portrait of the late Richard Vaux, once mayor of Philadelphia, has been hung in the city gallery of Philadelphia, which contains portraits of all but two of the city's mayors.

D. O. Mills has purchased certain parcels of property down town in New York on which he proposes to erect hotels, which are intended to take the place of lodging houses.

Chief Eisenhauer of the Philadelphia bureau of city property owns the printed copy of the Declaration of Independence which Colonel John Nixon read to the people of that city on Aug. 8, 1776.

Miss Louise Imogene Guiney, the poetess, is described as "a light, blue eyed girl, delicate as a wild rose, elusive as thistle down." Miss Guiney has both Irish and French blood in her veins.

When King Thebaw of Burma was dethroned, the English left him an estate in his own country for his maintenance. They now propose to sieze on the income from it in order to pay his creditors.

It is a singular fact, considering the persecution of the Jews by Russia, that Professor Leyden, the eminent Berlin specialist, medical attendant of the czarowitz and the late czar, is of the Hebrew race.

Dumas, who died the other day, when asked recently to give his view of death said, "I maintain that we should think often of death if we desire to have at all times a fairly correct conception of the things of life."

William M. Evarts, who soon will be 73 years old, is practically in retirement. To an interviewer he said the other day, "I am bothered somewhat with my eyes; otherwise I am in very good health, and I get about very nicely."

John G. Woolley, the Illinois temperance orator, is by profession a lawyer and has practiced before the supreme court of the United States. After he entered the temperance field he declined offers of $25,000 a year to re-enter legal practice.

A very elegant elderly gentleman, with a white mustache, takes tickets at a Broadway (New York) theater. He is second cousin to the Marquis of Exeter, and for 30 years has stood at his post every show night, but, strange to say, has never seen a performance at the house. He knows everybody of note in town.

THE FASHION PLATE.

Some rather pronounced color mixtures appear among new French gowns imported as models for winter weddings and other ceremonial occasions.

The new satin finished silks come in dark grounds, brocaded in gay little blossoms, the colored underthreads imparting a slightly changeable effect.

Ribbon garnitures are a very important feature of both dress and millinery. Persian and pompadour ribbons are used excessively on dressy day gowns.

Among elegant French models are gowns of gray velvet with pink or mauve brocade vests, with added trimmings of pearl and cut steel passementeries.

The newest fancy laces for trimming dainty evening toilets and separate waists of silk and satin for the winter vie in delicacy and dainty beauty with the costly hand wrought designs.

The reps of the new winter velours are much softer and richer surfaced than formerly, but their chief distinguishing feature is found in the beautiful combination of colors effected in the weaving.

Panniers have been announced, and alas for the short waisted, dumpy women if they become as generally fashionable as they were once! Tall, slender women will, however, score a distinct advantage by the mode.

Large knots or choux of ribbon are still very generally used to trim broad rimmed hats, dresden patterns predominating, and huge rosettes of black velvet ribbon are employed in decorating black Gainsborough hats.—New York Post.

Nervous Prostration
Cured by Dr. Miles' Nervine.

Prolonged derangement of the nervous system not only affects the brain and mental powers, but develops disease in some of the vital organs. The most dangerous of these indirect results is when the heart is affected. This was the case of the Rev. N. F. Surface, Fawn River, Mich., who writes under date of Feb. 14, 1895:

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THE AVERAGE MURDERER.

In Prison He Appears Happy and Grows Fat.

One of the strangest of all the strange phases of human nature is the cheerfulness of the average murderer after conviction and sentence. There are, of course, exceptions to the rule; there are murderers who await execution in horror and dread, and occasionally one dies of this torment before the fatal day arrives. But these are rare cases and do not affect the correctness of the proposition that the average murderer is a rather cheerful person, sleeps well, has a good appetite, grows fat, and, till his last hour, manifests a lively interest in such worldly affairs as occupied his mind before he was caught, caged and marked for the hangman.

Trouble of mind is not conducive to the taking on of fat. A convict whose day of death had been finally fixed, and who had no ground on which to base the faintest hope of clemency, might affect cheerfulness or even jocularity in the presence of visitors. But there is no affecting a growth of adipose. The man whose weight is increasing day by day, even in the shadow of the gallows, is not in mental distress. The mind and body are too closely related for either to be tormented without the full participancy of the other. Here is an extract from a reporter's account of a visit to Harry Hayward, at Minneapolis, who was put to death for one of the most cruel, cold blooded murders ever perpetrated:

"'Do you think you will hang?'

"'Yes, I think I will, old man,' Hayward replied. His face did not change color, nor did he flinch. Then he continued, laughing: 'A fellow has to go some time, and it might as well be one time as another. Only I wish it well done and no bungling. But, by the bye, what do you think about the Corbett and Fitzsimmons fight—or rather the one that did not come off? I will tell you what I believe. I think Fitz was afraid of Jim. I would hate to see Jim get whipped, for he is an American. But the fight will never come off now,' he added.

"'How is your health, Mr. Hayward?'

"'Splendid. When I came in here, I weighed 160, but I have gained 40 pounds. You see, I have had nothing to worry me, have slept well and eaten heartily and will continue to do so until the end.'"

If this were an exceptional case, it would be interesting only as a possible indication of lunacy. But it presents nothing that is unusual. It is strange only because it is impossible for the average mind to conceive of such cheerfulness, such indifference, under the conditions surrounding this man.—Washington Post.

Extermination of the Wild Carrot.

A correspondent inquires how to suppress the wild carrot. This is certainly a pestilent weed, but it is rarely troublesome in cultivated fields, and this shows that it can be kept down by moderate cultivation, and if the weed is destroyed in waste places it will soon be comparatively harmless. If the plants are mowed off as often as the flowers appear, they will eventually be destroyed, although they will continue to throw out stems from the bottom after each cutting, so that at first they will appear to increase, rather than diminish. Sheep will eat the young plants, and they can be pulled out by hand when the ground is wet, which is a laborious, but sure, means of extirpation. If the root is cut off with a spud some distance below the surface of the ground, the plant will usually die. A detailed account of this and many other of our aggressive weeds will be found in Farmers' Bulletin, No. 28, published by the United States department of agriculture, with the best means of exterminating the individuals and different classes of weeds.—Garden and Forest.

Four Doughty Veterans.

One of the French papers which have been devoting a great deal of attention to Napoleon Bonaparte of late has been entertaining its readers by having a census made of the sole remaining survivors of Napoleon's grand army.

Four of these men only are now left. The eldest is Jean Jacques Sabatier, who was born on the 15th of April, 1792, at Vernoux l'Ardeche, where he has lived in retirement for many years. Then come Victor Baillod, Jean Bousset and Joseph Rose, aged respectively 101 years and one month, 100 years and one month, and 100 years and a few days.

All are as hearty and vigorous as can be expected, in spite of their experiences as long as 82 years ago in that terrible retreat when the beggarly remnant of the greatest army the world has ever seen, worn out with cold and hunger, angrily called to the victor of Marengo and Austerlitz to get off his horse and share in the miseries of his men.

A Fireproof Cement.

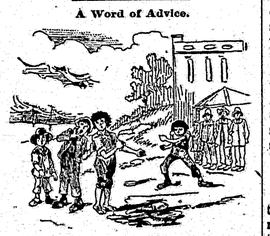
An important result attended a test made by order of the Reichsbank—the German government's banking establishment—with a safe made of cement with steel wire placed in between. The question to be decided was whether it is practicable to build vaults of this material for safety against fire. A safe was placed upon a pyre of logs drenched with kerosene, which, after being set on fire, kept the safe for half an hour exposed to a heat of about 1,800 degrees F.—that is, a heat in which iron will melt. Two hours after the safe was opened, and the contents—silk, paper, draft blanks and a maximum thermometer—were found to be absolutely uninjured, and the thermometer showed that within the safe the temperature at no time during the test rose above 85 degrees.

Conflicting.

"How were your crops this week, Parsnips?"

"Well, they didn't turn out as well as I thought they were a-goin to, and I didn't think they would."—Truth.

A Word of Advice.



"Knock him out wid an uppercut, Jimmy, an if, in de excitement of de moment, yez finds yez has got ter strike below de belt hit so hard he'll have spazzums an won't know de differ'nce."

HUMOR

A DOMESTIC CALAMITY.

The Advent of a Relative Causes Great Consternation.

She has arrived! She is staying at our house!

Of course you know to whom I refer.

Is there the least need to whisper that "she" is a near relative of my wife's? None whatever. The sympathetic mind of every married man has already comprehended that same and pities me accordingly.

She honored us with her presence a short time since at, I must say, a very inconvenient hour, and, "from information received," as the police say, this deponent hath every reason to believe she means staying too.

At our house, did I say? H'm, not so!

We are staying at hers, or, at least, you'd certainly imagine so to see the delightful manner she has of making things "hum" around this humble and erstwhile peaceful domicile.

She is rather a diminutive piece of furniture, and, you may safely speculate your top hat, naturally thinks no small dirt of herself in consequence.

Her age? Ask me another! I hardly care to commit myself on that delicate point. Why, there'd be ructions if anything uncomplimentary reached her ears.

You see, having all due regard for her feelings, together with an insane desire to retain possession of my scalp, which I find somewhat useful in business, I have never approached her on the subject. And I am not likely to.

I will simply state casually that she is as bald as any egg (not due to any lack of giving herself airs) and that, although her mouth would accommodate a dentist's shop with ease, if she has any ivories I've never seen 'em; so draw your own conclusions.

She has a voice in everything which concerns this household—likewise in some which don't.

Never saw such a typhoon of a temper in all my born days; she's "up in arms" on the least provocation, and it's my wife who upholds her.

Before she came the humble writer of this was at least master of his own house—when the wife was out shopping—but now—ah, well!

I'm seriously meditating sticking a poster on the front door: "Under new management. Business as usual during altercations."

She never goes out but she must have the carriage—couldn't walk a blessed yard. And here's another thing—if any addition to her wardrobe is needed, whose money pays the little bill? Mine? Oh, no!

Fact is, I doubt whether she has a single halfpenny of her own, yet my wife says: "Humor her. I tell you, Frank, she's worth her weight in gold!"

Perhaps she has seen the color of the said gold.

I haven't. Should like to!

I made a shocking discovery only yesterday.

My respected relative drinks!

Caught my lady in the very act of imbibing from a bottle when she thought nobody was looking.

Now, I'm no canting teetotaler. I am partial to a drop of Dunville's Old Irish myself occasionally—especially lately—but fancy, at her age!

After this, you infer, I shan't be sorry when—

Now what the—who the— There she goes again!

Now did you ever hear such a squall, even for a girl?

Oh, what it is to be a father!—London Fun.

She Had to Have It Out.

"What do you know about women?" asked the thin young man.

"Nothing," said the fat man with the bald head.

"I guess I don't either, and I have been married three months too. Yesterday my wife asked me how I liked the dinner. She does the cooking, you know."

The fat man didn't know, but he nodded.

"And when I began to praise the dinner, she began to cry, and said she feared I loved her only for her cooking!"

"Oh," said the fat man, "she had a cry coming. That was all."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Cold Blooded.

"There are several things in this book of mine that I think are particularly good," said the young writer.

"No doubt, no doubt," replied the man of many experiences. "Have you submitted it to a publisher?"

"Not yet. I wanted to get your advice."

"My candid advice?"

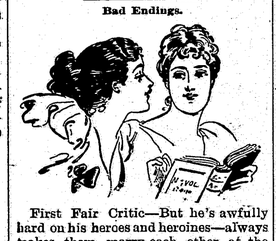
"Certainly."

"Well, if I were in your place, I'd go through the book and pick out what I considered the passages of striking excellence"—

"Yes?"

"And throw them away."—Washington Star.

Bad Endings.



First Fair Critic—But he's awfully hard on his heroes and heroines—always makes them marry each other at the end.

Second Fair Critic—Yes, the finishes are rather unsatisfactory.—Ally Sloper.

The Order of Lincoln.

The Order of Lincoln has just been incorporated under the laws of the state of Indiana. Its object is to acquire by purchase or otherwise all kinds of relics relating to Lincoln. A dispatch to the Chicago Record says that Jesse W. Weik of Greencastle, Ind., who has spent years of his life in collecting materials for Herndon and Weik's "Life of Lincoln," has a valuable collection, and he will be one of the principal promoters of the order. Other men who had a personal acquaintance with the martyred president and know where many other valuable relics can be found will join Mr. Weik. If the organization realizes the expectations of its promoters it will soon have a rare collection for a Lincoln museum, including copies of every speech made, document written and apt saying uttered by Mr. Lincoln during his life which are now obtainable.

Delicate Scales.

The chemist's scales which belonged to Professor John W. Webster, who murdered Dr. George Parkman of Boston in 1849, are among the scientific apparatus of the late Dr. John Barnes of Milford, Mass. They are so finely balanced that a hair an inch long will tip them.

Wholly Unprepared.

Mrs. Colonel Yerger is a continual source of embarrassment to her husband. Colonel Yerger recently gave a dinner party to a few select friends. Of course he was called on for an after dinner speech. Colonel Yerger got up, and, assuming an imposing position, began:

"Ladies and gentlemen, unprepared as I am—being wholly unprepared to make a speech—being unprepared"—

He was unable to proceed. There was a painful silence, which was broken by Mrs. Yerger saying:

"Why, colonel, you knew it perfectly this morning." Tableau.—Texas Siftings.

"Stuck on His Shape."

—Life.

Chance to Do Good.

The pedestrian looked scornfully at the beggar who had accosted him.

"You say you want money for your starving wife and family," he repeated. "I don't believe you have any."

"Well, wot of it?" asked the beggar brazenly.

"I believe you're lying," persisted the pedestrian, with conviction.

"Wot if I am?" said the beggar doggedly.

The pedestrian showed his astonishment at such a display of utter depravity, but he held firmly to his purpose.

"I believe you only want money to buy liquor," he said.

"Wot if I do?" returned the beggar.

"In that case," said the pedestrian slowly and impressively, "you show yourself to be a liar, a vagabond and a drunkard—a man who is hardly worth saving." Then, after a moment of thought, he added, "Do you know that the liquor evil is, to a certain extent, its own corrective?"

"Nix," replied the beggar.

"Well, it is. Scientists tell us that it is killing off the weak and inferior classes, and in that way you may be said to be doing some good. Do you"—Before he could finish the beggar's hand was thrust toward him, palm upward.

"Please, mister, won't you help the good work along?" asked the man in rags.

He got a quarter, and the lecture was never finished.—Chicago Post.

The Truth of It.

There was a one legged man at the Staten Island ferry house the other day who was asking for alms, and who claimed that his leg had been bitten off by a shark. One of the men accosted looked him over and said:

"I saw you in Buffalo about a month ago and then you told me that an alligator bit your leg off."

"Yes."

"I saw you in Cleveland last week, and you then claimed to have fallen under a street car."

"Yes."

"Do you change your story in every town?"

"Most always."

"Well, now, tell me how you really did lose your leg and I'll give you a dime."

"Honest?"

Yes."

"Well, sir, I jumped in front of a mowing machine to save the lives of five or six little children, and, while I lost my leg, not one of them got a scratch!"—Detroit Free Press.

A Beguilement.

"This stuff," said the head of the family, "is liable to be perniciously misleading."

"Why, papa," replied his daughter, "it's poetry."

"Yes, I know it is. It's some of this 'cheer up and never mind the weather' verse, isn't it?"

"Yes. And it's lovely."

"Of course it's lovely. It has an insidious charm which makes it the more dangerous. It's good advice, but be careful not to get an overdose of it. I once read it during a snowstorm. I was so captivated that I said to myself, 'Now, here's advice worth following.' So I went ahead and cheered up and never minded the weather, and did it so thoroughly that inside of 24 hours I was fined for not cleaning the snow off my sidewalk."—Washington Star.

Horse and Horse.

Old Prinks (the Squam Corners storekeeper)—Looky here, Jay! I'll have to knock off half a dollar of the payment for that last bar'l of apples you sold me on account of the rotten ones in the middle of it. What makes you put big, fine apples at the top of the bar'l and no account ones in the middle?

Jay Green—Same reason, I guess, that you comb that long lock of hair over the bald place on top o' your head.—Life.

About It.

"Thy slender waist!" he exclaimed soulfully.

A rich flush suffused her cheek.

"What," she faltered, "are you going to do about it?"

And perhaps he didn't do a thing.—Detroit Tribune.

That Was the Trouble.

She—He says his greatest trouble in Paris was to make himself understood.

He—He should have learned French before he went over.

She—He did!—Chicago Record.

In 1849 the gold produced by this country began with an output of $40,000,000. Since that time it has fluctuated, once, in 1853, rising to $65,000,000, and once, in 1885, sinking to $30,000,000.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Another Ascent of Mount Ararat.

Another ascent of Mount Ararat has been made by a party of four Russians—M. Pastuchoff, Captains Griboyedoff and Dragomiroff of the Caucasian general staff and a Cossack officer, named Posharski. The party, all mounted, started early in the morning with a couple of servants in charge of the supper mules. At an elevation of 9,500 feet the cattle had to be left behind, and the party, proceeding on foot, had reached an altitude of 14,700 feet at sundown. Here they encamped for the night, and on the following morning climbed to the eastern summit of Great Ararat, where a number of scientific observations were taken. The next day the party reached the highest point of the western summit, at an altitude of 16,910 feet, and here also thermometrical and psychrometrical observations were taken, and an analysis made of the glacial covering of the pinnacle. The descent was safely accomplished, and the cattle found in good condition on the lower terrace, where they had been hobbled for three days.—London News.

ST. ROCK CHAPEL.

A Quaint New Orleans Relic of the Time of the Crusades.

When I lived in New Orleans, says a writer in Harper's Young People, I saw a great many quaint things; among them a pretty little chapel. It is called St. Rock, from a saint who lived in the time of the Crusades, and who was supposed to have a great healing power. The chapel is in a little street in the French quarters, and has a cemetery around it.

The people who go to the chapel to pray, or to be cured of any sickness, go nine times in succession, and call it a "novoena." At the gate there is a sexton's house. The people buy for a nickel a candle which the sexton puts in an old tin stick. They walk through the cemetery, and then in front of the altar in the chapel on which lies a life-size wax figure of our Saviour. Lighting their candle on one of the others that are there they kneel on the steps of the altar and pray.

On the altar are wax hands, feet, hearts, etc., donated by different people who have been cured, and in the corners of the chapel are crutches, also donated by different people. The sexton told us of a colored girl who was blind, and was led to the chapel, and in nine days her sight was restored.

DONNING THE VEIL.

An Accomplishment Possessed by But Few American Women.

It is an accomplishment worth acquiring in these days when American women are almost as universally veiled as the beauties of the orient, to put one's veil on successfully—that is, so that the hair is held securely in position, the veil itself does not droop below the hat brim at any point and neither hangs loose nor draws across the face, rendering a wink inconvenient and the nose a martyr to the tickling sensation which every wearer of a veil knows. Half the beauty of the veil, or, more strictly, the enhancement of beauty which the veil gives, is due to the way it is put on. Worse than no veil at all is the veil put on before the bonnet is assumed, as one fashion writer recommends. The filing meshes, pressed closely against the face and hair, leave no room for the charming, illusory effect which is the veil's chief "excuse for being." The first requirement in a veil is that it shall be of unstinted size, double width, unless it is to be worn with a very small bonnet, a yard long, so that it may be gathered up in generous folds over the hat brim and pinned—a veil should never be tied—well up at the back of the hat. A better fit and a prettier effect is given by a little cluster of gathers directly in the middle of the front. It is to be hoped that women will some time learn that veils figured with sprigs, or, in deed, anything but unobtrusive dots are never becoming, and make them look, as a man was heard to remark the other day, "as if their faces were covered with flies."—Philadelphia Times.

A Domestic Conversation.

Her Father—So you have had a proposal, my daughter?

Herself—Yes, papa—several. An iceman proposed to me.

Her Father (breathlessly)—Did you accept him, my dear?

Herself—Nay, nay, papa.

Her Father—Ingrate!

Herself—After him a plumber proposed to me, dear papa.

Her Father (excitedly)—And him—did you accept him?

Herself—Not for jewels and precious stones, papa mine.

Her Father—Fool! Idiot!

Herself—I had a third proposal, papa. The gentleman is an iceman in the summer time and a plumber in the winter.

Her Father (on the verge of apoplexy)—Madeline—

Herself (calmly)—I accepted him, father.

Her Father—Fall on my neck, my angel child—you are the rarest rose of them all.—Truth.

Fifty Miles Wide.

Student—Mars is older than the earth, is it not?

Professor—Very much older.

"Then the people there must be further advanced than we are."

"Most likely."

"In that case, I don't believe those so-called canals of Mars are canals at all."

"Hum! What are they?"

"Wagon roads made wide enough for women to drive in."—N. Y. Weekly.

Papa Caught.

First Little Boy—What you laughin' at?

Second Little Boy—Papa is scoldin' everybody in the house, 'cause he says he can't lay a thing down a minute without some one pickin' it up an' losin' it—he, he, he!

"What's he lost?"

"His pencil."

"Where is it?"

"Behind his ear."—Good News.

Had to Do It That Way.

On a New England farm not long ago it was necessary to count a flock of geese, and Pompey, a colored boy, was stationed at a little gate through which the geese were to be driven and was told to count them as they passed. "One, two," began Pompey, loudly, "tree! Dar goes anudder! Dar goes anudder! Dar goes anudder!" "What do you mean by that!" demanded the farmer, hurrying up to the excited darky. "Why," said the innocent boy, "I cyant count no furder dan tree in numbers, massa, so I hab to do it dat way!"

Sir Walter Scott, Lawyer.

An old man in Glasgow told James T. Fields that he had once carried a law case to Sir Walter Scott for adjustment. "How did he manage it?" asked Mr. Fields. "Oh, beautifully!" returned the old client, "he told me a bonny story about a coo and a calf in Dundee, and then he sent me over the way to a brither lawyer, who, he told me, had a larger head for sich affairs than himsel'. But it was a braw story that he told me about the cattle o' Dundee, and it makes me laugh to this day when I think on't!"

Queer Street Names.

The French have peculiar notions on the naming of streets, and some curious examples have come to my notice during the last month. When at Chateaudun viewing the president of the republic and his men at the recent maneuvers I noticed the following names of streets: The Drunken Butcher, the Sow-That-Cuts-Along, All Devils, Love's alley and the street Ah! Ah! Some of these names also exist at Mans, and I am told that at Boulogne-sur-Mer there is a street with the name of Listen if it Rains. In this latter town there is also Tin Pot street, Arm of Gold street and even the Fleas market.

Noted German University.

Jena has recently had an experience not common among German universities. The four little Saxon duchies to which the university belongs—Weimer, Coburg, Meiningen and Altenberg—are unable to support it, and there was danger that it would be closed, when the old students and their friends sent in donations large enough to assure the continuance of the old university, which is one of the most pleasant in summer of all Germany.

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Caller—Yes. He told me he thought that was the reason you didn't sing oftener.—Truth.

Disappointed.

Landlady—If you don't pay by tonight, you must leave. I can't stand this any longer.

Student—Calm yourself. I will write to a friend immediately.

Landlady—Will he lend you money?

Student—Oh, no, but I think he has a vacant room!—Buch fur Alle.

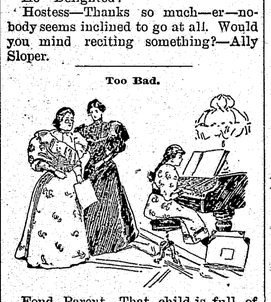
Making Them Go.

Hostess—Oh, Mr. Longwynd, I'm so glad I've found you. I've been searching for you all over the place. I want you to do me a favor.

He—Delighted!

Hostess—Thanks so much—er—nobody seems inclined to go at all. Would you mind reciting something?—Ally Sloper.

Too Bad.



Fond Parent—That child is full of music.

Sarcastic Visitor—Yes. What a pity it's allowed to escape!—Collier's Weekly.

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THE WEEK'S NEWS

Tuesday, Dec. 24.

Band of Lowell (Mass.) Armenians going back to their native country to assist their oppressed brethren——Philadelphia strike declared off. Several cars badly wrecked by mobs, and two men shot by an officer——Steamer Nansemond sunk, and seven lives lost —— Rebels defeat Spaniards in a battle fought near Colon ——"Stepniak," the Russian refugee and author, accidentally killed at Chiswick, Eng——Solly Smith defeated Billy Murphy in 14 rounds at New Orleans——Town of Johnston, R. I., will not carry out health commissioners' provisions for stamping out diphtheria —— Henry J. Newton, the well-known spiritualist, killed by a New York cable car——Captain Averill of Salem, Mass., dead——John Davis, 75 years of age, committed suicide at Boston——There will practically be no oranges shipped from Florida this year——Western railroad officials claim that war rumors are not affecting traffic ——Brigadier General Wheaton says there will be no more Indian disturbances——The safe in the East Saugus (Mass.) station of the Boston and Maine blown open and $50 stolen——Fifty feet more of the temporary bridge between Hartford and East Hartford swept away——The jury in the case of superintendent of schools and master of the Walnut avenue school in Revere, Mass., unable to agree——Recruits being registered at Boston for the "Monroe League," whose members all have to agree to serve under the national flag in foreign lands——George Godolphin Osborne, ninth duke of Leeds, dead. He was born in 1828——At a meeting of the Society of Colonial Wars, held at Boston, resolutions deprecating the creation of feelings of hostility toward England passed.

Wednesday, Dec. 25.

James Henri, convicted of stealing silver from the United States mint at Carson City, Nev., sentenced to eight years in the penitentiary and a fine of $5000 ——Alexander Shaw, chairman of finance committee of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad company, positively denied the newly revived statement that a receivership for the road is contemplated——Rose David, the 7-year-old daughter of Nelson David, drowned in the Merrimac river at Lowell, Mass., while playing on its bank ——John P. Jones, 35 years old, of New London, Conn., a brakeman employed by the Consolidated railroad, fell off a freight train at Providence and fatally injured ——Fire in the Gardner building at Haverhill, Mass., damaged the stocks of Shoe Manufacturers Hovey & Hodgden, Henry S. Sprague and E. W. Noyes to the extent of $4000——Secretary Lamont upbraids army officers for warlike expressions——George C. Swain, who fatally shot William Boyle, acquitted of the charge of manslaughter at Hartford, on the ground that the shooting was accidental——The president and cabinet spent a quiet and enjoyable Christmas. The President and Mrs. Cleveland spent most of the day making merry with their children——With the advent of Christmas a suicidal wave struck New York city——Philadelphia car men threaten to renew the strike declared off by them on Tuesday —— Wilbur L. Slade, a member of the firm of spice dealers of Boston, committed suicide at his residence in Chelsea——Ex-Queen of Hawaii may be given a full pardon——Increase of the yellow fever epidemic in Salvador——It is reported that the colonial office will support Hall Caine's copyright compromise——The pope still hopes for the return of all dissident bodies to the Roman Catholic church——Cross libels filed in the case of the schooners Eagle Wing and Nettie, which had a collision in November off Long Island.

Thursday, Dec. 26.

Tariff and bond certificate bills formally adopted by ways and means committee ——Reported that 12,200 Druses were killed in a fight with Turkish troops —— Lord Dunraven arrived at New York on the Teutonic——Body of John Cagney found in a shallow pond at Bridgewater, Mass——President Moraes of Brazil favors arbitration with England on Trinidad question——James Cook arrested at Amesbury, Mass., on a charge of assault and robbery —— Abyssinian forces advancing slowly, having given up the siege of Makalle——Relations between the Vatican and Austria harmonized——Several vessels wrecked on the coasts of Scotland and Ireland——Naval bureau contracts for projectiles for the battleships——Death of James C. Johnson of Winchester, Mass., a composer of religious music——Thomas Ryan shot a colored man and killed himself at South Manchester, Conn——A. Jackson (Miss.) deaf mute teacher mistaken for a burglar and killed by his nephew —— Joseph Cook very sick in San Francisco ——Twenty-two persons lost by foundering of schooner Victoria, off the Newfoundland coast——Mrs. Hannah Lovett died at Nashua, N. H., at the age of 107 years——Mrs. Mary Morey died at Plymouth, Mass., at the age of 101 years—— The strike situation in Philadelphia renewed——New York locked-out Hebrew tailors victorious over the middlemen.

Friday, Dec. 27.

New York Yacht club hearing on the Dunraven charges begun——Passage of Dingley bill No. 1 in the house——Boston business men met to consider the Armenian question —— Horace M. Cummings claims ownership of courthouse and jail at Paris, Me——Francis L. Higginson of Boston begun suit for divorce from his eloping wife——Opening of annual congress of scientists in Philadelphia——Boy killed by an electric car at West Fitchburg, Mass —— Two more cases of smallpox among the Alsatia's passengers at Hoffman island, N. Y——Receiver appointed for the St. James' hotel, New York city ——Indictments against New York police officers which resulted from Lexow investigation dismissed——State of Connecticut sues 13 insurance companies—— Manitoba refused to establish separate schools——Society of the First Congregational church, Lowell, Mass., accepted the resignation of Rev. George F. Kengott ——Deficit of $4,000,000 in Canada's accounts for the past year——Princeton forming a dual league with Yale in all branches of athletics, save rowing——Big meeting of dairymen and farmers at Lancaster, N. H——Travellers' Insurance company will resist payment of the policy issued in favor of Catherine Ging——Fall River, Mass., postoffice to be a first-class office——Burglars secured $50000 worth of plunder from residence of Thomas F. Oakes, Oriental Point, N. Y—— John H. Husted, said to be worth $500,000, committed suicide at Denver —— Schooner St. Vincent, which left St. John's, N. F., 16 days ago, bound for Oderin, Placentia bay, posted as lost —— Much destitution reported from different parts of the Newfoundland coast, and calls being made upon the government for relief —— Patton & Co., lumber, Albany, assigned ——Mob of Russian Jews stoned a Catholic school in Chicago——Christmas arrests this year in Boston were 404, as against 433 for last year——Receiver will be appointed for Bay State Mutual Insurance company ——Disabled Northern Pacific steamer Strathnevis reached Port Townsend—— Dr. Marmoreck of the Pasteur institute claims to have made valuable serum discoveries——Pardon committee of the Massachusetts executive council refused a pardon to ex-Alderman Ham of Haverhill—— Detectives and police aiding in the search for Frederick E. Anthony of Providence, who disappeared in Boston——Brigantine Buda, of St. John, N. B., sighted, bottom side up, off Georges. Entire crew of seven or eight men believed to have perished.

Saturday, Dec. 28.

Twenty-four persons killed in a senseless panic in a Baltimore theater——The president decides to issue $100,000,000 bonds at 3 per cent——Bond and certificate bill delayed a day in the house——Christian teacher at Marash flayed alive and then killed——A Woonsocket (R. I.) young man committed forgery in Nashua, N. H., and eloped with a Lowell (Mass.) girl—— Daniel M. Howard, an old citizen of Bangor, Me dead——Piano stool factory in South Acton, Mass., burned. Loss, $27,000 ——Cuban rebels on the march, leaving a barren waste to mark their progress—— Wind and rain storm caused $60,000 damage at Rockaway Beach, N. Y——Epidemic of petty thieving in Somerville, Mass——Harvard leads in the college chess tournament in New York——Showalter beats Lipschutz for the American chess championship —— British ambassador will be the first to shake President Cleveland's hand New Year's day——Smith bill for the relief of the treasury introduced in the house——Bill to permit railway pooling will be reported to congress——The Kennebec river, after being closed to navigation 26 days, again open from Augusta to the sea——Maine delegates to Republican national convention sold for Reed——Leslie Combs of Kentucky, largest tobacco grower in the world, failed——American Hand Sewed Shoe company put attachment on defaulting treasurer's property——Three men killed by a dynamite explosion at Milnesville, Pa——Loss resulting from flood in submerged districts in Missouri estimated at $5,000,000——Harvard and Pennsylvania made an agreement for track games—— Pullman flats burned in a Chicago suburb ——New York to have a 12-story office building——Receivers of the Atlanta and Pacific railroad resigned——Man who murdered James McNally in Providence not found——More than 2000 Armenians slaughtered at the capture of Zeitoun—— William T. Merrifield, well-known manufacturer of Worcester, Mass., dead—— Peter Shellmer, found to be an innocent man, discharged from the Massachusetts state prison——Philadelphia citizens desirous of having the city assume control of the street railroads —— Gloucester (Mass.) fishing record of 1895 shows that 12 vessels and 107 lives were lost.

Sunday, Dec. 29.

One of the main supports of the Hooksett (N. H.) railroad bridge washed away ——Yale does not accept Princeton as a full-sized substitute for Harvard in athletics——Captain Charles A. Kendall of Fitchburg, Mass., will be chief of police at North Adams——Lynn (Mass.) shoe manufacturers deny the claim that Haverhill is the leading shoe-producing center of the world——Eighteen re-elected Republican representatives endorse McLaughlin for re-election as clerk of the Massachusetts house —— Government rested its case in the Thompson brothers murder trial at Augusta, Me——Bourne mills of Fall River, Mass., paid another dividend to its employes—— Fritz Friedmann, the great Berlin lawyer, an absconder——Victims of Turkish atrocities in Arabkir alone are said to number 2000——Railroad agent stabbed, shot and robbed in Waterville, O——John E. Lockwood, a New York broker, drowned——William H. Wallis, a veteran actor, died in Philadelphia——Peter Maher's style disappointed a big crowd at his benefit in New York——Ex-Mayor Lambert of New Cumberland, W. Va., arrested on charge of embezzlement—— Diphtheria prevalent at Lynn, Mass.

Monday, Dec. 30.

An ex-commodore of the New York Yacht club says the investigation will place Lord Dunraven in a bad light—— Rapid reaction toward confidence in American securities in Berlin——Official dissemination of falsehood through Turkish press; "doctored" editorials sent out from the palace and "telegrams" written under compulsion by Armenian prisoners ——Ex-Premier Gladstone is 86——Suspected child poisoning case at Freeport, Me——Arrest of Baron von Hammerstein caused great sensation in Berlin——Prospects for peace with the Italians announced by Abyssinian chiefs —— Unknown vessel reported wrecked with all on board on the Irish coast——United States' demands for reparation from Turkey to be pressed as soon as practicable——Rev. Dr. Hershey of Boston advocates a world's supreme court to settle disputes between nations —— Pillsbury and Steinitz drew and Lasker defeated Tschigorin in the St. Petersburg chess tournament——Ten Spaniards arrested in Habana suspected of conspiracy against Campos——Big ice jams at Bangor and Veazie, Me——Kentucky woman burned by a mob; her paramour riddled with bullets——Arthur R. Perry appointed medical interne at the new McLean asylum——New York real estate dealer arrested on suspicion of having murdered a woman——Welsh syndicate bought mining property in Colorado for $3,600,000——Sculptor Proctor of Enfield, N. H., to make the statue of Austin Blair, Michigan's war governor —— The trial of Martin Dalton for murder begun at Providence——Miss Clara Barton arrived in Boston from Washington—— Letter received from ex-Consul Waller, dated at his prison in France, states that his health has improved recently and that there has been an improvement in his treatment——Exports of specie from the port of New York last week amounted to $2,314,574 in gold and $1,000,000 in silver. The imports were: Gold, $151,566; silver, $5053——George Stephenson of Northampton, Mass., 73 years of age, committed suicide by drowning in the Connecticut river ——Joe Dyer, arrested at Fairbanks, Me., an all-round crook, burglar and thief, said to be wanted all over New England ——Clothing firm of Ratkawsky & Bro., doing business under the name of the Central clothing house, Boston, assigned. ——Isaac Levy, doing business as the Novelty Clothing company and the Anchor Clothing company, at Boston, assigned; liabilities large——Samuel Gompers, president-elect of the American Federation of Labor, in an address at New York, warned labor men against being drawn into a war with England.

STAGE GLINTS.

James A. Herne has written a new play in which he will star next season.

Jennie Dickerson, Katherine Dixon and Fred Perkins have been engaged for Minnie Palmer's company.

Negotiations are pending in Chicago for a spring tour of Evelyn Gordon in a repertory of standard and classical plays.

Owing to the sudden closing of the Grand Opera House Stock company in Boston Sadie Martinot will soon sail for Genoa.

An English drama by Sylvanus Dauncey, entitled "The Reckoning," will be produced on Jan. 27 at the Park theater, Brooklyn.

Robert Mantell denies that his new play, "The Queen's Garter," is plagiarized from Stanley Weyman's book, "A Gentleman of France."

Ernest Charles Warde, the son of Frederick Warde, is receiving great praise for his work in character parts. Young Warde may star before long.

The new leading lady of Charles Rohlf's company is Madeline Merli, whose work in the serious drama elicited favorable comment when she was starring.

When Eddie Foy reached Chicago, after disbanding his company, he said that a tender had been made to him to appear in London in one of the Christmas pantomimes.

It is reported that neither Herbert Kelcey nor Fitz Williams will be with the New York Lyceum Theater company after this season, and the supposition is that Kelcey will star.

GEMS OF THOUGHT.

A heavy purse in a fool's pocket is a heavy curse.—Cumberland.

Almost always the most indigent are the most generous.—Stanislaus.

No violent extremes endure. A sober moderation stands secure.—Aleyn.

Whether happiness should come or not, one should try and prepare oneself to do without it.—George Eliot.

The heart of a wise man should resemble a mirror, which reflects every object without being sullied by any.—Confucius.

Stylish jackets are made of soft velvety tailor cloth in gray, tan or fawn color and lined with changeable satin whose colors repeat themselves in a Persian waistcoat of what is called "oriental vesting," showing a very beautiful commingling of rich Persian dyes.

NOT A PRETENSE.

Hawaii's Desire For Annexation Is All In Good Faith.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—In The Times-Herald of today is printed an interview with President Sanford B. Dole of Hawaii, had by Miss Kate Field. The interview fills several columns and touches closely on Hawaiian policy and international questions. Members of Mr. Dole's cabinet subscribe to their chief's opinion unreservedly.

PRESIDENT DOLE.

Miss Field called his attention to the fact that his government had been said to be characterized by an insane desire to perpetuate itself in office. Mr. Dole said:

"The fact that the government is working for annexation to the United States is a good denial of that charge. Annexation may deprive us, or some of us, of office. In the higher offices are men to whom it means personal sacrifice and business loss to discharge their duties. It is simply a slander to say this desire for annexation is simply a pretense. We are working in good faith, and I believe the people appreciate the fact. As to the form of annexation that would best meet our requirements, it is difficult to say. A territorial form of government unmodified from the form obtaining in the United States territories will scarcely be suitable. Probably the best course would be to gradually develop from our present system, the federal authorities, of course, having from the beginning jurisdiction over custom houses, postoffices and federal courts."

IN CONGRESS.

Condensed Report of Proceedings of the Fifty-Fourth Session.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Four hours were occupied by the Republican members of the ways and means committee in preparing a measure of relief for the treasury department. There was a satisfactory unanimity of opinion among the members relative to the course to be pursued in order to meet the deficit in the national finances.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—No business of importance was transacted in either branch.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The Dingley bills for the relief of the treasury were ordered, by a strict party vote, to be reported to the house.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Speaker Reed put Dingley bill No. 1, to increase tariff taxation temporarily as a means of increasing treasury revenue, in answer to President Cleveland's urgent message of last Friday, through the house at express speed. The bill is acceptable to the administration.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The bond and certificate bill was delayed in the house. The prospect of successful financial legislation looks hopeless.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The house passed the Dingley bond bill and a resolution accepting the Katahdin and adjourned.

South Is Sponsor.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The twin sister of the new battleship Kearsarge has been named by Secretary Herbert after the state of Kentucky. As congress had anticipated the selection of a name in the case of the Kearsarge, it was believed to be better to name her sister ship at once, instead of allowing her to be known for the three years she will be under contract as battleship No. 6. Excepting the Kearsarge, especially named by congress, of the five first class battleships built or authorized, New England stands sponsor for one, the Massachusetts; the middle west two, the Indiana and the Iowa; the Pacific coast one, the Oregon, and the south one, the Kentucky.

Work of a Maniac.

HARTFORD, Dec. 26.—Thomas Ryan, an employe at Cheney Bros.' silk mill at South Manchester, entered the house of George Mallen yesterday and fired two shots at a colored man named Fred Williams, who was playing on a banjo and singing at the time. One shot enfered Williams' mouth and lodged in the back of the neck, and the other struck him in the side of the head. His wounds were dressed and he was brought to the hospital in this city. He may recover. After the shooting Ryan ran to the steps of the town hall, where he sat down and fired a shot into his right temple. Ryan was taken to his house, where he died soon after.

Plymouth's Centenarian Dead.

PLYMOUTH, Mass., Dec. 26.—Mrs. Mary Morey, Plymouth's centenarian, died yesterday, aged 101 years, 4 months. She was born in Plympton, Aug. 20, 1794, the daughter of Joseph and Eunice Churchill. In 1816 she married Ichabod Morey of Plymouth. Two sons were lost at sea. Mrs. Morey has resided in Plymouth since her marriage. She remembered the war of 1812, and celebrated her 100th birthday a year ago last August. Her general health was good up to that time, but she gradually failed during the last year.

Haverhill's Shoe Shipments.

HAVERHILL, Mass., Dec. 28.—The returns of the shoe year show that the past year was another record breaker, and keeps this city in the lead as the largest shoe-producing center in the world. The record of shipments for the year is 866,910 cases, an increase of 19,107 cases over last year, and, with the estimated average of 40 pairs to a case, 14,676,400 pairs of shoes were manufactured, against 13,912,120 pairs in 1894.

A Gift of $5000 For a Hospital.

TAUNTON, Mass., Dec. 27.—The managers of Morton hospital are trying to raise funds enough to erect an addition to the building for various purposes. On Christmas day a citizen, who desires his name should not be used, sent the managers his check for $5000 as a starter.

At Terrell's Request.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 30.—At the request of United States Minister Terrell, the sultan has ordered that regular troops replace the reserve soldiers who are guarding the missionaries in the exposed parts of the empire.

Bail Furnished For Dr. Moore.

MANCHESTER, N. H., Dec. 26.—Dr. Joseph C. Moore has been released from the Hillsboro county jail, under bonds of $15,000. His bondsmen are G. F. Bosher, E. H. Murphy and R. D. W. McKay of this city.

A Savage's Contempt For Clothing.

The Kaffir's contempt for clothing is the occasion for a nuisance against which the inhabitants of the eastern portion of Cape Colony used often to complain. Now, it seems the people of Buluwayo are suffering from a similar grievance. A few inches of leather flappings girt about his loins satisfy his ideas of everyday dress. The Matabele Times holds that this attire is altogether insufficient and suggests that the sanitary board should take up the subject and prohibit Kaffirs from coming into the town unless they are properly clothed. So does "civilization" slowly make way.—Westminster Gazette.

Lo, the Rich Indian.

It gives people who have not been in the Indian Territory a startlingly new idea of what an Indian chief may be to learn that the chief of the Osages, on learning of the destruction by fire of St. Ann's academy, Kansas, telegraphed the principal to draw on him for $10,000 toward the rebuilding fund. The chiefs in the Indian Territory look, act, talk and make money very much like white men. Like white men, they have kindly recollections of the schools where they were trained in that civilized knowledge which has since been so profitable to them.—Boston Transcript.

IN HUB MARKETS.

Butter Showing Great Weakness and Inaction.

Cheese Steady and Eggs Dull—Other Produce Quiet and Without Change—The Cattle Markets.

BOSTON, Dec. 26.—The butter situation has experienced a radical change within a week. Strength and buoyancy have been replaced by weakness and inaction, and no reliable selling price can be obtained. Buyers and sellers were apart, and no butter changed hands except in a small way or at nominal prices.

A drop of 3 cents in New York and 5 cents in the west naturally unsettled prices, and while our market does not rise or fall as rapidly as at other places, it is forced to sympathize to some extent. Receipts show some increase, but not enough to cause such a material decline as reported in New York. Holders, therefore, are disposed to wait for further developments.

The fine weather and the financial panic no doubt have had their influence in bringing about the change, and there is some doubt now as to the probability of the market rising again. "The wholesale price should never have gone above 25 cents," say most dealers, but some who assert that opinion now were among the strongest bulls a short time ago.

If our consumption goes on at the rate indicated by the absorption of current receipts and cold storage stocks for a month past, we have nothing to fear. Although receipts last week were nearly 4000 tubs more than the week previous, the net reduction in cold storage stock was 7785 tubs, showing a distribution of over 21,000 tubs. The stock remaining in storage on Saturday was 52,466 tubs, against 51,779 tubs same time last year, an increase of only 687 tubs.

Cheese.

The cheese market has maintained a steady tone, and there is no indication of a change, one way or the other. Sales in a small way run along at 11 to 11¼ cents for fancy twins, and 10 to 10½ cents for large singles, but round lots could not be placed at these figures.

Other Produce.

There has been a dull market for eggs, and prices have declined. It is hard to sell best western at over 22 cents, and refrigerator stock is slow at 16 to 17 cents. Cold storage stock was reduced last week 3577 cases.

Beans, potatoes and other produce are very quiet, with no change for several days.

The market is overstocked with western chickens and fowls, and prices ruled very low. Large quantities were put away in cold storage.

The Produce Quotations.

POULTRY—The poultry market is dull, a big lot of turkeys having gone into cold storage. Chickens are rather easy, and ducks and geese are easier: Northern turkeys, 12@15c; western, 9@12c; fancy, 13½c; northern and eastern chickens, 11@14c; fowls, 8@10c; western chickens, 10@13c; fowls, 8@9c; live fowls, 10@11c; chickens, 11@12c; northern ducks, 10@14c; western, 12@16c; geese, 13c; western, 12@15c.

BEEF—There was a rather better trade in beef, with the market steady at: Choice steers, 7½c; goods steers, 7c; light, 6@6½c; extra heavy hinds, 10c; good hinds, 9½c; light hinds, 8@8½c; heavy fores, 8c; good, 4½c; light fores, 4@4½c; backs, 5@6½c; rattles, 3½4c; chucks, 4@5c; short ribs, 9@11c; rounds, 6@7c; rumps, 10@12c; rumps and loins, 10@13½c; loins, 10@15c.

OATS—Oats are fairly steady. No. 1 clipped to arrive are still quoted at 26@26½c; No. 2 clipped, 25½@26c; No. 2 white, 26½c; No. 3 mixed, nominal, 24@24½c. The spot market is quiet, with oats on track at: No. 1 clipped track, 26@26½c; No. 2 clipped, 25½@26c; No. 2 white, 25½@26½c; No. 3 white, 25@25½c; No. 2 mixed, nominal, 24@24½c.

BUTTER—The butter market continues rather easy. Best fresh creamery, small lots, 25½@26½c; western creamery, extra, in round lots, 25½@26c; first, 20@24½c; imitation creamery, 19@23c; factory, 18@18c; northern dairy, 19@22c; northern creamery, 25@25½c; eastern creamery, extra, 24½@25c.

MEAL—The cornmeal market is quiet and unchanged: Kiln-dried cornmeal for export, $1 80@1 85; bag meal, 74@76c; yellow granulated, $2 40@2 55; ground and rolled oatmeal, $3 10@3 30 ₰ bbl; cut, $3 30@3 60; graham meal, $3 60@3 80; rye flour, $2 60@3 20; rye, 56@58c ₰ bushel.

HAY—The market on hay is quiet and firm: Hay, $13 50@16 50; very choice cars $19 50@20 50; rye straw, $15@17; oat straw, $5@10; sack spring bran to arrive, $13 50@14 00; winter, $14 25@14 50; middlings, $14 25@14 50; ground wheat, $15 75; red dog, $16@16 50; cottonseed meal, $21 50 to arrive.

APPLES—Apples are selling well, with the market well sustained: No. 1 Baldwins, scarce, choice, $3 25; No. 1 greenings, $2 25@2 50; Ben Davis, $2@2 75; Rome beauties, $2@3; kings, $3 75@4; pound sweets, $2 75@3 50; Tolman sweets, $2 25@2 50; snows, $4@4 50; bellflours, $2@2 75.

MUTTONS AND LAMBS—There is an oversupply of the mutton kind, with the market easy: Spring lambs, 5@7c; fancy brightons and eastern lambs, 6@7½c; yearlings, 4@5½c; muttons, 4½@5½c; yearls, 3@10c, as to quality.

CORN—Corn is fairly sustained: Country yellow and No. 2 yellow to arrive are quoted at 57@57½c. The spot market is quiet, with small offerings: Steamer yellow, 33½@33½c; steamer mixed, 37¼@38c.

EGGS—Eggs are in full supply, with the market about steady: Western, 22@24c; Michigan, 24@25c; limed, 16@17c; icehouse, 17@18c; eastern fresh, 26@27c; fancy and nearby, 30@37½c.

POTATOES—Potatoes are in quiet demand, with prices steady: Hebrons, 35@38c ₰ bu; rose, 33@35c; white, 33@35c. Sweet potatoes are quoted: Jersey double heads, $3 50@3 75.

CHEESE—Cheese is in steady demand: Northern, 10@11c; western, 9½@10½c; sage, 12@12½c. Liverpool is quoted at 44s for white and 45s for colored.

Live Stock Markets.

Amount of live stock on the markets at Brighton and Watertown:

	Cattle.	Sheep and Lambs.	Swine.
Western	2,936	12,172	34,400
Massachusetts	147	....	37
Maine	12	....	....
New Hampshire	62	251	38
Vermont	80	1,348	40
Totals	3,236	13,971	34,515

Prices for market beef—A few choice, $6@7; extra, $5.5.@5.75; first quality, $5@5.25; second quality, $4@4.50; third quality, $3@3.50.

Prices for store cattle—Working oxen, ₰ pair, $85@$120; farrow cows, $10@22; fancy cows, $50@70; milch cows and calves, $20@45; yearlings, 8@16; 2-year-olds, $12@22; 3-year-olds, $20@32.

Western fat swine—Live, 3½@3¾c; northern dressed hogs, 4½c ₰ lb.

Prices for sheep and lambs—In lots, $2.50@2.60 each; extra, $2.75@3.50, or 1½@3½c ₰ lb; lambs, 3@4½c; veal calves, 2½@6c.

Prices of hides, tallow and skins—Brighton hides, 4½@4½c ₰ lb; tallow, 2@2c ₰ lb; country hides, 3½@4½c ₰ lb; country tallow, 1½@2c ₰ lb; pelts, 35@65c each; calf skins, 60c@$1 each; dairy skins, 35@40c each.

Milch cows and springers—The supply was light and the demand was slow.

Veal calves—The supply was the lightest of any week of the year, and a clearance was effected at values ½c lb stronger than those quoted last week.

Sheep and lambs—There were no New England sheep or lambs on sale, and those from the west were sent direct to slaughterers.

Swine—Only a few were on sale, and there was no change in prices from those noted last week.

No Proof of Murder.

PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 28.—Rose Dolly, who was arrested recently for alleged murder of her infant child, may be released without a trial. The sheriff has been unable to find the body of the child which was abandoned in the woods, and, without the body being found, no murder can be proven.

Lodging In a Rope House.

The latest addition to the curiosities of the city is what Secretary Saunders of the election commission calls a rope house. It is a combination saloon and hotel at the Levee and Spruce street, kept by a man named Peterson.

Across the room the proprietor has a rope stretched tightly, and in front of it and parallel with it is a row of ordinary wooden bottom chairs. Every lodger, upon payment of 5 cents, is given a chair and is allowed to sleep with his head resting upon the rope. They are allowed to sleep until 6 o'clock in the morning. Promptly at that time the bartender is required to see that every lodger is awakened and made to move on.

This is accomplished by striking one end of the rope with a bung starter. The blows have pretty much the same effect as striking the sleeping boarders on the head with a billy, and they generally move on.

If this fails one end of the rope is unfastened and the remaining sleepers are allowed to fall sprawling on the floor.—St. Louis Letter.

There is a "rocking stone" in Sullivan county, N. Y., which is estimated to weigh 40 tons, and which is so evenly balanced that the strength of one finger is sufficient to set it in motion.

OBITUARY.

"How sad!" comes from many a heart, when speaking of the death of Mrs. Adeline F. Harlow, widow of the late C. C. Harlow who died at Newry six years ago. Mrs. Harlow died at the home of John Gerrish, where she was acting in the capacity of nurse, Dec. 16th, at the age of 59 years.

She has made her home in this village for some time, and there is no eulogy required where she was known save what springs spontaneously from the hearts of those with whom she came in contact. Suffice it to say that hers were willing hands to do the bidding of a sympathetic heart. The last obsequies were performed at the Methodist church, where she had attended, Dec. 18th, by the paster Rev. Mr. Saddler, assisted by Rev. Mr. Lawrence of the Baptist church, and presiding elder Corry.

Ah, yes, she died! It seems so strange,
Viewed from the mortal mind,
That she must leave her kindred here,
Some fairer fields to find.

'Tis thus she died, as she had lived,
While toiling for her kind,
Impelled by love, and willing hands,
To other's burdens bind.

'Tis this she bore, a world-wide love,
That all of woman kind,
Be ever blest, in life, in death,
Immortal life to find.

G. T.

ANDOVER.

Nathan D. Akers is teaching school at East Rumford.

Methodist circle at Mrs. Henry Porters on Friday evening.

Died in Andover, Dec. 11th, Mabel, wife of Charles Dresser, aged 21 years.

The warm rain on Sunday broke up and carried out the ice on the little Ellis river.

Our dress maker, Mrs. Dora Ridley, is taking a vacation in Lewiston and vicinity.

We saw two crows on the morning of Dec. 22nd. Is it not late in the season for crows?

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Talbot went to Bangor last week to attend the State Grange.

Miss Bertha Poor is home from New Portland, where she has been teaching for several weeks past.

Dr. Haven and family of Boston, who have a summer house at the Lakes, are at Thomas Hotel for a few days.

Mr. Scott E. Poor (who has a large farm in Chapman, Kansas), is on a visit to his friends in this town. His corn crop was a very heavy one this year, raising sixty bushels to the acre, selling price there twelve and a half cents per bushel.

Mrs. Charles Dresser who lately died of consumption at her home in Andover was known and loved by a large circle of friends. Being in poor health through the summer, she went to the sea shore the last of August, hoping for improvement but without avail. She came home and with wonderful courage, and cheerful persistence, made every effort to live seemingly possible until the very last. A loving mother, sister and devoted husband did all they could for her comfort through her sickness. Mrs. Dresser was a member of the King's Daughters and ever ready with willing hands to help on the good work. Sadly will they miss her at their gatherings. Being of a bright social nature she had many friends—but the greater loss is to those in her own home, where although absent she yet speaketh.

GROVER HILL.

Mrs. Frank Kendall has boarders.

W. H. Hutchinson has a nice heavy horse.

Mrs. Ella F. Lyon is not so well as she has been.

Farmers are all busy cutting wood at present.

Dana Morrill recently purchased A. L. Whitman's oxen.

Commissioner Abbott passed this way Monday, inspecting the roads.

Clyde Whitman, Levi Brown, and Earle Bartlett are attending school on the Flatt.

Mrs. Thomas L. Maybery is enjoying a few days at the home of Mrs. H. R. Godwin.

Mrs. A. L. Whitman and her friend, Mamie Bennett, are visiting friends at Dummer, N. H., at the present writing.

Edward P. Lyon has present employment in a grocery store, at Portsmouth, N. H., where sixteen clerks are employed.

Mrs. J. B. Peaslee cut the middle finger of her left hand very badly, while engaged in chopping sausage-meat with a meat chopper a few days since.

NORTH WEST BETHEL.

H. B. Chapman has butchered forty hogs this season.

Mrs. Phebe Chapman is at Rumford with her daughter Mrs. Martin.

Mrs. Sarah P. Bean is talking of going to Portland and having her eyes examined to see if there is a chance for the cataracts to be removed.

A Christmas entertainment was held at the school house in District No. 5, a nice tree was in readiness to receive Santa's load, and teacher and pupils endeavored to entertain all who came; music, both vocal and instrumental, was on the programme.

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